

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee

Plainfield Energy Team

Notes of September 1, 2014 Meeting

Attending: Dan Chodorkoff, Anne Miller, John Morris, Bob Atchinson, Ed Hutchinson, Joel Trupin, Nick Seifert, Rich Phillips

Convene: 7:05 PM

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Business:

- 1) Added Button up Day to the agenda and applied time to the items
- 2) Approved minutes from August 4th meeting
- 3) See Solar Subcommittee notes from last meeting. WEC net metering program has been approved by PSD. They already have net metering to about 12% of their use, they only have 2% left by law. They have the incentives and charges for net metering customers greatly extending the payback for net metered systems. Probably any promotion of solar in WEC territory should focus on thermal.
- 4) A meeting on Twinfield Solar will be held at the school on Wednesday September 3rd at 3:00PM. Solar Subcommittee members should attend if possible. Twinfield wants to look into an off-site system serving more than one Supervisory Union
- 5) Bob explained a lighting complaint at the town hall from a neighbor. They need to adjust the outside light at the new West entrance and readjust the LED streetlight across from the TH.
- 6) Suncommon will be putting on a workshop on heat pumps/solar in October at OSC. After discussion we decided that we weren't comfortable that the technology was ready for prime time and would not sponsor the event if asked but would post it on FPF just as information. We are interested in the technology and will attend the workshop.
- 7) Committee Focus for 2014/2015
 - a) We reviewed the list of potential focus items in the May meeting notes. We briefly discussed some ways of improving the conveyance of energy information to new or renovated home builders. Plainfield passes out the residential building code and other information Improving this process is a focus project
 - b) We decided to get out the town plan and review what we thought we would accomplish as a Committee in the last rewrite.
 - c) Discussed or solar promotion and support homeowners and businesses.. Solar Subcommittee to meet 3/8/14 at 7:00 Pm to work on the focus. Generally, group solar developed by homeowners unlikely to be popular. Solar will continue to be a focus
 - d) The Transportation subcommittee will be revived with Bob and Anne and possibly Nick for the bike issues. A focus will be developed by that subcommittee.
 - e) Climate education and awareness will be a focus. Potentially, a series of speakers films and maybe workshops might be developed in conjunction with the library. The full committee will work to develop a plan for this.
 - f)The Weatherization Subcommittee will meet September 15th at 6:30 PM to refine it's focus for the year.
- 8) There will be a state-wide Button Up Day on November 1st. VECAN and other groups are organizing this and are asking all energy committee to have weatherization events on that day. The Weatherization Subcommittee will propose an event/events for review at the next regular meeting

Tentative Agenda for next meeting October 6th

Solar and Weatherization Subcommittee reports

Review of focus suggested by subcommittee.

Education and Awareness project brainstorm

Outputs in Town Plan and how they apply to our focus

Plainfield Updates

Weatherization event(s) for November 1st Button up Day