

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
Minutes of 2/9/15 Meeting

Attendance: Lawrence Black, Anne Miller, Dan Chodorkoff, Bob Atchinson, Joel Trupin, Nick Seifert, Wes Cate
Convene: 7:05 PM
Adjourn: 8:15 PM

Business:

Agenda adjustments

- Talk about solar panels at OSC

Minutes approved from 1/5/15

Solar updates

- Flyer almost done
 - Dan will circulate electronically when done
- Twinfield
 - Sounds like there are project delays, still moving but very slowly.

OSC power usage

- Lighting and pump have reduced OSC substantially 36,000 to 30,000 kwh/year. With the movement of the Senior Center the use likely will drop enough so that Fire house and Town Garage electric bills along with OSC will all be covered.
- Wastewater plant would be another good target for energy reduction.

Weatherization

- Home energy visits will continue, but lower time investment.
- Shifting focus to rental units to try and improve their energy use.
- Two contractor prices are asking \$200 for energy audits.(Montpelier Construction and Shelter Construction)

Calais Transportation subcommittee

- Rich met with this subcommittee a couple weeks back. He gave them updates on what Marshfield had/has done.

Vermontivate

- can/should promote on Front Porch Forum
- Starts March 23rd

Collaborative work between town committees (planning, library, conservation, energy)

- Conservation commission is onboard
- Library board is onboard
- need to get planning commission on board
- May also talk to James Arisman on the DRB about this, but haven't yet
- A couple ideas about what to do:
 - Promote Vermontivate
 - make posts about personal views on climate on FPF

Better Buildings By Design

- Rich will share some of the session slides on heat pumps

Carbon Tax Lobbying Meeting

- Talked about British Columbia's implementation of this tax a bit

Town meeting displays/surveys

- Rich is going to take photos of local solar PV sites, and print and put on a board for town meeting.
- Anne and Dan are working on a solar flyer

Solar panels at OSC

- One panel has been tabled, two may not be able to table
- Need to ask Bobby to Call Rich Nichols about the panels
 - May be worth asking them to change the trackers to use "snow mode" so they don't table at night
 - Or they may need to increase the tilt angle of the panels so they can still operate
- Need to shovel them out so they aren't obstructed

Plainfield updates

- solar update: heading for a funding vote in June
- town hall poster board and solar project information
- Town hall weatherization completed