

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
November 2nd, 2015

Attendees: Anne Miller, Lawrence Black, Joel Trupin, Nick Seifert, Dan Chodorkoff, Michael Horowitz

Convene: 7:00 PM

Adjourn: 8:45 PM

- Draft agenda:
 - Electing a new chair, or how the committee will be structured if not going this way.
 - Standard committee business (minutes, public comments, draft agenda for next meeting)
 - Brainstorm next steps and actions
 - Plainfield update
 - Solar project
 - Subcommittee actions or projects.

- agenda modifications
 - Anne suggested a (redacted)
 - Dan has an announcement (redacted)
- Minutes from October meeting approved
- Discussion about committee structure or electing a new chair
 - Anne suggested a shared leadership structure with a less dominant chair
 - Is the committee required to have a chair? may need to check with the selectboard.
 - Lawrence suggested that running the meeting could be shared on a meeting by meeting basis
 - What are the functions for the chair that we need? (some functions might not need to belong to the chair)
 - Make up an agenda and send to Joel for posting physically, and John for posting on the website
 - Preliminary agenda made at the monthly meeting preceding
 - This would be part of the meeting minutes, but would need to be formatted a bit for posting online and physically
 - Joel will take the agenda from the minutes and format for posting.
 - Print physical copies of the meeting agenda or other items.
 - Joel will print extra copies of the agenda to bring to the meeting
 - Joel will print the meeting minutes to bring to the meeting
 - Someone to be a liaison to/for the selectboard (This is the sole responsibility of the

Chair) -

- Nominated and voted this as Nick
 - Someone to be a liaison to other organizations (e.g. VECAN)
 - This would be for state organizations (efficiency vermont or others), grant organizations, and more.
 - For grant opportunities, or other initiatives, the group would review these and decide if it benefits the town, and who is able to move ahead.
 - Michael is going to share out information as he gets it
 - Anne will bring a digest of the google group items to each monthly meeting
 - Facilitate monthly meetings
 - Facilitating is guiding through the agenda
 - Rotating facilitator, picked at the start of each meeting
 - Communication to community via front porch forum or other methods
 - Project based, so the leader of a project would do this
 - Annual report of the energy committee actions and projects
 - Volunteer thing when it is needed
 - Taking meeting minutes, and share with the committee afterwards
 - Nick to do this as he has been.
 - How is money managed
 - Bobbi keeps track of it and administers it
 - Group decision of how money is spent
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- Anne is going to talk to Bobbi about whether a Chair is required, and what responsibilities the chair has
- Discussion of committee projects and other actions
 - Brainstorm follow up
 - Nick followed up with Liza (Library board), who said to check back with her in January about this to see what they can do
 - Anne created a display in the library of climate change books and photos to be checked out.
 - Nick will talk to Meliss and remind her to bring the brainstorm items to the planning commission
 - She had previously said she would take on some things personally, and that the committee is very busy.
 - Anne will talk to the conservation commission on November 4th
 - Bob A. not in attendance, so unsure what actions were taken
 - Michael says Michael Billingsly took good notes and shared them with him.
 - Will need to get updates in the December meeting about what people were able to

do in their subcommittees.

- Dan would like to bring Brian Tokar to speak on climate justice.
 - Dan will get this going.
- Anne has an idea that she is thinking about. It would involve the Conservation Commission, Historical Society and Energy committee
 - Project where people are asked about their opinions on climate change and related items
 - This would be a historical record of people's opinions on climate change, or some kind of oral history
- Michael is interested in working with Twinfield on efficiency and other related items.
 - Efficiency Vermont and VEEP have curriculum/course options for educational components into schools.
- Weatherization is an interest of Nick and Joel. This could use some brainstorming on what would be done next.
 - Michael suggested the Energy committee or town owning a thermal camera and blower door to use during energy Audits.
- Discussion of (redacted) items
 - Discussion of (redacted) at December meeting for a January event
- Tentative agenda for December meeting (12/7/2015)
 - Standard committee items
 - Select a facilitator
 - Public comments
 - Review and approve minutes
 - Create draft agenda
 - Digest of Google Groups items (Anne)
 - Reports on projects
 - Brainstorm feedback from other committees
 - Dan's speaker
 - Michael's distribution of items and any Twinfield progress
 - Weatherization items?
 - VECAN meeting comments
 - Plainfield update