

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, November, 2016
Old Schoolhouse Common, library upstairs

In attendance:

Michael Horowicz, Anne Miller, Joel Trupin, Becky Wigg, Nick Seifert, Bob Atchinson

Agenda:

Select meeting facilitator

Public comments - 0 minutes

Agenda modification -

Approve minutes

Plainfield updates

VECAN conference

Reports on committee contacts

Town plan discussion

Discussion about the energy siting bill

Meeting Facilitator

- Bob to facilitate

Public comments

- No one from the public in attendance

Agenda Modifications

- Discussion of new membership and overall committee business suggested by Michael
- Updates on upcoming events by Anne
- Weatherization updates from Nick

Approve minutes

- Minutes from October 17th reviewed, and approved.

Plainfield updates

- Plainfield had a power outage due to two trees falling down on a line, which also took out their new street light.
- EV outlet has taken in on average \$0.24/kWh vs the \$0.14/kWh they are paying.

Membership and committee business

- Becky Wigg in attendance, new resident to Marshfield and interested in the Energy Committee.
- Brief member introductions.

VECAN conference:

- Bob plans to attend.
- Michael may attend, but isn't certain.
- Nick uncertain.
- No one else expressed interest.

Reports on committee contacts from town meeting resolution:

- Anne: Stranahan committee has not had room for this, but talked to Rich Phillips and his assessment was that the Stranahan committee doesn't have much ability to influence this.
- Nick: Sent some questions to the planning commission but they did not meet since the last meeting.
- Nick: Got information from Efficiency VT on water and wastewater. Left a message with Brendan McClain, but have not yet touched base with him.

Town Plan discussion:

- Bob suggests trying to team up with the conservation commission on this.
- Bob says we can take a look at the Plainfield town plan they submitted a couple years ago for ideas/source material.
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission should have information on the requirements for town plans.

Energy siting:

- John sent some information about this, including a couple links:
 - http://publicservice.vermont.gov/sites/dps/files/documents/Pubs_Plans_Reports/Act_174/Standards%20Overview.pdf
 - <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/act-174-recommendations-and-determination-standards>
- Draft standards reviewed at public meeting October 11th, so no final determination standards yet.
- Nick suggests checking back on this before the December meeting.
- Becky mentioned that Joey from VNRC would know about the siting law and its implications.
- Bob will send around contacts for CVRPC.

Other Business:

- Michael spoke with someone from VECAN about how they can help energy committees. He plans to meet up with her for lunch one day during work to discuss.
- Bob mentioned that the TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) is looking for members.
- Anne mentioned that Michael Billingsly is doing a climate change and emergency preparedness meeting on November 10 at the OSC.
- Anne mentioned that on ~December 8th Janet Ancel will be at the OSC to discuss the implications of climate change on state budgeting and revenues
- Nick mentioned weatherization updates:
 - Existing program called Zero Energy now which provides an additional incentive if the project meets certain improvement standards. This expires at the end of 2016, so not much time here to work on this.
 - Bob mentioned this may not be expiring for GMP customers
 - Not much else for weatherization going on, other than low or no-cost weatherization efforts. Nick got some brochures from Capstone Community Action related to this. Will provide to Bob Light to hand out during zoning changes.

Draft agenda for next meeting:

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