

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Notes of December 12, 2007 Meeting

Attending: Andy Perchlik, Anne Miller, Lawrence Black, Rich Phillips, Hillary Alexander

Time: 5:15 to 6:30 PM

Discussion:

- 1) Lamp project due to begin December 15, 2007 at the two hardware stores. Posters will be hung this week. Article in the Gazette this week, the World next week and the Times Argus before January 1st. Goal is 5000 lamps by April 30, 2007 which is equivalent to a savings of about 440,000 kwhr, 390,000 pounds of CO₂ and \$57,260.
- 2) Survey is grinding along slowly. It will not be done for Christmas but rather more likely before town meeting.
- 3) On the municipal facilities project Rich is helping Andy. Rich met with the Village Trustees who expressed interest and support for the project and with the Village Clerk to get the phone number and the account numbers so we can access the electrical use information. Rich also counted the street lights which number 24 plus the high powered light in front of the Fire Station. Rich and Andy will next tour the Village water and wastewater facilities to begin defining the current energy use and possible reduction options. After the Village facilities are assessed we will move on to the Town facilities. Rich will contact Allison Hollingsworth at VEIC to see if the Municipal Energy Assistance Program exists and can help us with the audit of the town and village facilities.
- 4) Anne reported that she will complete the gathering of information for the bio-diesel recommendation on 12/13/07 and hopefully pull together the pros and cons chart before the middle of January. Hillary will send Anne information she has on bio-diesel and Rich will develop information on the cost of bio-diesel. We will vote next meeting on whether to recommend to the Selectboard that they place an article on the warning to approve the increased cost of bio-diesel.
- 5) The resident information project started by Mike Zahner was discussed in some detail and it was tentatively agreed that we would proceed with some form of web-based information resource connected to the town website. At a minimum, the energy pages would allow for posting of upcoming events, notes of meetings, project descriptions and results from Marshfield residents and an on-line follow-up survey form. The site may also include a topic list (like solar, insulation, air leakage, weatherization etc) with links to the sites covering the topic in a manner most useful to non-professional residents. If there is a site that covers the topics in a similar manner, like maybe the new VECAN site, then we may not take on the task of developing this topic page on the towns website. We need to try to put on our non-professional resident hat to see if an

existing site really works. Preferably, we should test with a group of residents, any proposed existing or, if necessary, a proposed new site we might design to help assure the sites usefulness to residents.

If we need professional web development assistance to build this site, we may be able to get a volunteer. If no volunteer, we may be able to use the consultant the Town Clerk uses. We probably could get a grant to support this work.

Hillary agreed to take on this project.

- 6) Hillary agreed to join the Committee and Rich will see to her appointment by the Selectboard
- 7) Rich will contact Aaron Manke and Philippe Leclerc to see if they are interested in being members as Rich was supposed to do last month.
- 8) Next meeting is January 14, 2008 at 5:30 PM