

**Minutes of 1/11/10 Meeting
Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee**

Attending: Rich Phillips, Lawrence Black, Bob Atchinson, Anne Miller, & Saul Gresser
Convene: 6:45 PM

Business:

1) Transportation Issues

Reminder: The joint Marshfield, Plainfield, East Montpelier transportation meeting to discuss with GMT the development of the AOT funded Route 2 corridor bus route will take place this Thursday, January 14th @ 6:00 pm at Old Schoolhouse Common in Marshfield. A complete agenda has not yet been posted. Among the topics to be addressed is the need for the passage of an article at town meeting allowing for the town to spend \$8300 (our local share) toward the project. Some discussion ensued regarding what other projects are going to require additional town funds to implement and what we currently have available or secured through other grants, etc. Also discussed was what the selectboard's role has been and might be in terms of providing information to the public regarding the upcoming request for project funds. As of now, the board's only role is to post a warning for the upcoming vote. Should there be a regional public meeting in February to further inform the town meeting vote? Rich will send another reminder to selectboard members regarding the upcoming meeting and funding needs.

Using the energy committee's volunteer list, Anne has been phoning townspeople to inform them of the upcoming article and to solicit further assistance publicizing the vote. Rich has identified two to three other people willing to help with getting the word out and Transportation issues. He and Anne will coordinate names so that they are not duplicating efforts.

Hinesburg recently began operating a Burlington to Hinesburg bus route. It was suggested that we gather information from Hinesburg regarding how they successfully negotiated their town campaign.

2) CEDF Municipal Technical Assistance Program Grant:

The Twinfield school board meets this Tuesday, tomorrow, January 12th @ 6:45 to discuss The CEDF 5K request with 10% local match for the development of a large PV array at the school. This grant is a tech assistance grant to hire an energy consultant to create the RFP and then help oversee selection of the installer. The school board needs to sign the application and agree to the local match.

Further work is needed identifying possible available energy consultants to fulfill the consultant role. Names floated included: Paul Zerbruski, Andy Shapiro, and Jim Grundy. Jim Grundy might, however, be a candidate for the installation and this would be a conflict of interest. Bob also had two other possible candidates for the installation: Dave Palumbo, Lamoille, Independent Power and Light; and Northern Power, both of whom have some school PV experience. Various other installers and/or contacts for possible consultants

mentioned included Brad, Groton, Green Works Solar Store; Michael Horowitz, Marshfield, Solar Solutions; and Sunrise Solar Services, Randolph.

Still outstanding and needing to be addressed is the question of conservation. While an audit was done of the school building, not much has been visibly done regarding energy conservation as far as this committee knows. This is a further question for the school board going forward, perhaps prior to or in tandem with the PV project. What has the school board done or is the school board planning regarding further conservation measures?

3) Weatherization Teams:

A brief discussion of progress and continued goals for the development and implementation of local weatherization teams took place. Based on the recent Field Notes article advertising the town weatherization assistance, we have already received at least one request for a home visit. The Plainfield resident will be contacted by Ed Hutchinson.

Dan Chodorkoff has been doing some additional fundraising to support this project, but was not in attendance to report progress. Our current budget request from the town for the whole committee was \$500. No money is needed for initial start-up. However, additional money will likely be needed for further promotion and materials for homeowner use. Bob indicated that additional money for Plainfield should be available after June 30th.

Additional training will also be needed for team member volunteers.

Laurence, who had to leave early, expressed his willingness to be on a team and is ready to go out this spring as needed.

With regard to the remainder of the winter, further discussion is needed. It was agreed that committee members would consider next steps over the next month, and forward ideas to Rich to be picked up at our next meeting.

Anne is currently contacting folks from the energy committee volunteer list and will include information about and suggestion for the weatherization teams in her conversation with these people.

4) PV promotion approach

Rich postponed discussion of preliminary evaluation of house sites for possible PV installation. The committee is not prepared to take this on now.

Next meeting: February 8th, 6:30, OSC.

Agenda Items so far: Weatherization Teams, Transportation, and PV Grant updates.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Saul Gresser