

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Meeting Minutes,
June 2015

Agenda:

1. Public Comment
2. Revisions to Agenda - 5 minutes
3. Approval of 5/4/15 minutes - 5 minutes
4. Twinfield Solar rediscussion - 15 minutes
5. Depot Hill Solar - 10 minutes
6. Plainfield Updates - 10 minutes
7. Subcommittee Breakouts - 20 minutes
8. Agree on draft minutes - 5 minutes
9. set next meeting date - 5 minutes
10. prepare preliminary agenda for next meeting - 5 minutes

Attendees: Nick Seifert, Joel Trupin, Rich Phillips, Bob Atchison, Ed Hutchinson, Anne Miller, Lawrence Black

Convene: 7:05 PM

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Business

1. No non-committee members, no public comments.
2. Agenda item added:
 - a. Subcommittee for climate change cross-committee brainstorm.
 - b. Discussion of Phillips LED light bulbs 2 for \$5 deal from Home Depot.
3. Minutes approved.
4. Twinfield solar rediscussion
 - a. Rich provided update on latest status. Hasn't had any feedback or updates from the school administration (principal or superintendent of schools). Not making further contact for now.
 - b. Discussion about how much the lack of response is due to disagreement or resistance, versus not having time for the solar project.
 - c. An option to move forward on this would be to bring in the school board and make them aware of this. This might help to move the administration to act.
 - d. Rich to make a decision about next steps. Tentative plan is to meet with Nancy to discuss, then if no progress move ahead with a meeting of the School Board and the Selectboard.
 - e. Bob suggested if the school board meeting happens it may be smart to set it up as a "sales pitch", with guest speakers to help focus them and pay attention in a way that "the choir" may not do.
5. Depot hill Solar -

- a. Some interest in a group net metering arrangement, but it sounds unclear if this is going to happen or not.
 - b. Michael Schumacher interested, wants to have it on his property.
- 6. Plainfield updates
 - a. Municipal PV meeting coming up on the 18th. RFP is out, they have until the 15th to get bids in. Getting responses from people. Vote is on June 23rd. Public meeting to discuss the project is scheduled for June 16th, 7 PM at the Town Hall.
 - b. Municipal lighting project tweaks happening this summer.
 - c. Adding a solar light into the park and ride shelter.
- 7. Subcommittee Breakouts
 - a. Weatherization
 - i. Reviewed minutes and actions from last meeting (from January, 2015)
 - 1. Should still talk to Lois Burnham about getting the grand list, or some other way to find out about rental property owners.
 - 2. Talk to Bob Light about distributing efficiency and weatherization information for people applying for permits
 - 3. Talked about signs for lawns advertising money saved by weatherization, or another message.
 - ii. New suggestions
 - 1. Reach out to other Energy Committees to find out what they're doing and what is effective for weatherization
 - b. Solar
 - i. Mostly focused on Twinfield. Update on that earlier in the minutes.
 - ii. Efforts impeded by Washington Electric effectively refusing to add new solar to the grid.
 - iii. In the fall, it seems like if Twinfield is finished, or not moving, group net metering would be a good project to work on.
- 8. Agree on draft minutes
 - a. Agreed.
- 9. Set up next meeting date
 - a. September meeting is next one (taking July and August off), Meet on September 8th, 7pm.
- 10. Prepare preliminary agenda for next meeting
 - a. Discuss climate change subcommittee meeting
 - b. Weatherization and Solar initiatives and actions
 - c. Twinfield update
- 11. Formed a Climate Change subcommittee to work on the brainstorm session planned for September. The committee is Joel, Rich, Anne, Bob and ?. The subcommittee will meet August to get a jump start on the committee work for September. Meeting will be on the first Monday of August, the 3rd, at 7pm.