

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

In attendance:

Dan Chodorkoff, Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Michael Horowicz, Joel Trupin, Michael Billingsly, John Morris, Wes Cate, Ed Hutchinson

Tentative agenda:

- Select meeting facilitator
 - Public comments
 - Agenda modification & add times
 - Announcements
 - Approve minutes
 - Plainfield updates
 - VECAN conference updates
 - Reports on committee contacts
 - Town plan discussion
 - Discussion about the energy-siting bill
 - Create draft agenda for the next meeting
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- Select meeting facilitator
 - Dan volunteered
 - Anne volunteered to be timekeeper
 - Approve minutes
 - Minutes approved
 - Plainfield updates
 - Michael from Plainfield discussed his background in climate change and hazard planning and mitigation. Wanted to come to the meeting to discuss actions taken in Plainfield and committee actions.
 - Discussed background on Marshfield dam and hazard mitigation and planning related to this. Meeting had been held locally but no one from Marshfield in attendance.
 - Some examples: if the Marshfield dam failure occurred residents would have 15s before the initial wave crest met the town. For an "early release" event, this would take 15 minutes for the crest to reach the town, this initial crest may be 13 feet high.
 - Michael is interested in coordinating with the Marshfield Emergency Management Director (Tim Maclay?) in Plainfield, but has not had much response.
 - If anyone is interested in heading this up in Marshfield, Michael would very much appreciate and be glad to coordinate.
 - Discussion amongst committee members about passing a resolution to put in front of the selectboard.
 - Dan mentioned this kind of information should be presented at town meeting.
 - Anne suggested that this group of people talk to our friends about this, and ask them to attend the selectboard meeting to further this.
 - This work may be related to the town plan work that is upcoming.
 - VECAN conference updates
 - Ed Hutchinson attended, says the lunch was excellent!

- Presentations are available online.
- Keynote: what do you have to do socially to get to net zero energy?
- Session: what is going to happen in VT with renewables
 - Town plan can suggest places to put solar, and this may carry weight.
- Session: about Panton, VT and how they are trying to get to net zero. A lot of what they're doing is related to thermal efficiency. Also GMP has some kind of arrangement, similar to PACE, to finance efficiency improvements.
- Reports on Climate Contacts
 - Nick did some work related to village trustees and efficiency.
 - Went to a trustees meeting, planning to do a walk-through of water treatment and waste treatment facilities sometime in January.
 - Michael H. talked to VECAN about any suggestions for things which might help the Energy Committee. They had some suggestions, including a library of documents which may be useful.
 - Sending out links related to this tonight.
 - Michael has not had a chance to talk to the DRB, but will be able to before the January meeting.
 - Wes talked to the road crew about efficiencies and energy use. Needs to talk to the road foreman.
 - Dan mentioned that Bob Light needs copies of zoning or another brochure, but needs to be printed and given to Bob.
 - Dan will give efficiency VT a ring about this.
 - Wes has not visited the selectboard yet.
 - Nick has asked the planning commission multiple times for a few pieces of information (help with town plan, and also how they're planning to rewrite zoning ordinances).
- Town Plan discussion
 - Meeting on the 14th related to the new state law and "substantial deference"
 - Should discuss hazard mitigation in this for the next meeting.
 - VECAN conference had a session on the siting bill, should look at these slides.
- Energy Siting bill
 - See notes from town plan discussion.
- Tentative agenda for January
 - Discuss Hazard Mitigation items and what the EC should do about this
 - Figure out what items we want on the Town Meeting Agenda (due in January)
 - Report out on energy siting meeting (Michael and John want to attend)
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