

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee  
Monthly meeting minutes, November 5th, 2018, 7:00pm  
Downstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, Becky Wigg, Wes Cate

Members of the public in attendance: Rich Phillips, Bob Atchison, Ed Hutchinson

- Select a facilitator
  - Becky
- Public comment
  - None
- Announcements
  - None
- Agenda modification
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- Approval of previous minutes
  - Minutes approved
- Business
  - Act 174 update.
    - Nick gave brief update:
      - Subcommittee met last week, Nick made some updates, but more is needed to bring to final draft stage.
      - Next step is to finish the draft, and then have the committee review.
      - Nick will bring hard copies to the December meeting for markup and review.
  - Update on planned activities (winter bazaar, etc) (if needed)
    - Anne not here, so no comments.
  - VECAN conference
    - Meeting is on December 1st, bob is going.
      - Nick will give Anne a call to let her know this.
  - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam.
    - Nick spoke with Michael who gave a brief update on this:
      - GMP is indicating that they are willing to resurface the emergency spillway, details need to be worked out still.
      - The coffer dam was also removed from the service spillway, which is good news.
      - There is a dam visit happening towards the end of November.
  - Climate change discussion follow up meetings (if needed).
    - Twinfield solar and weatherization update (if needed).
      - Weatherization has some work going, quoting and such.
      - Solar is dropped for now, too much else going on.
    - EV charging grant project:
      - Some work needed related to getting quotes.
      - Trying to decide how many charging stations to request/install.
      - Rich had some comments on location and how this may be prioritized for who gets the grants (e.g. transportation corridor adjacent sites)
      - Rich is trying to get a draft of this ready for the application due date at the end of the month.
      - Thursday night meeting to figure out the grant opportunities.
      - Meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:30am with the electrician to figure out where connections are and things like that.
  - Discussion about grants or money for charging station grant application.

- Becky doesn't think that Marshfield will be able to submit an application in time for the November deadline.
- Becky did visit the selectboard.
  - They don't want the town to pay for the electricity, so this needs to be worked out.
  - The selectboard was in support of this otherwise.
  - The cost share (either 10 or 20%) did not seem to be an issue.
- Revisit next steps at the next meeting.
- Update on book/video purchases (if needed)
  - Anne not present.
- Plainfield update
  - Plainfield is signed up as a "hero town" with Bucknell. By signing up before December 15th a home contractor will do an "enhanced walkthrough" for efficiency improvements. They will then provide a quote on the spot, or quickly after. Kickoff is happening soon, though may slip to after thanksgiving.
    - Rich commented that this new approach has some backing as getting better results.
- Discussion about purchase of IR camera and weatherization.
  - No discussion at this time.
- Draft agenda for next meeting
  - Select a facilitator
  - Public comment
  - Announcements
  - Agenda modification
  - Approval of previous minutes
  - Business
    - Act 174 update
      - Handing out hard copies for review.
    - Update on planned activities (winter bazaar, etc) (if needed)
    - VECAN conference
      - How was the conference
    - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam.
      - Update from dam meeting
    - Climate change discussion follow up meetings (if needed).
      - Twinfield solar and weatherization update (if needed).
    - Discussion about grants or money for charging station grant application.
      - Discussion about next steps, and what needs to get done. Try to resolve the payment issue.
    - Update on book/video purchases (if needed)
    - Plainfield update
      - Discussion about weatherization, and possible purchase of IR camera. (if needed)
- Draft agenda for next meeting