

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, December 4th, 2017
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Nick Seifert, John Morris, Wes Cate, Becky Wigg, Anne Miller, Rich Phillips.

- Draft agenda for December meeting
 - Select a facilitator
 - Public comment
 - Announcements
 - Agenda modification
 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed)
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam (if needed)
 - Button up
 - VECAN follow up
 - Plainfield updates
 - Draft agenda for next meeting

- Select a facilitator
 - Becky “volunteered”
- Public comment
 - No members of the public present.
- Announcements
 - Next wednesday, December 13th, there is a presentation at OSC about the economics of conservation. 7:00pm.
- Agenda modification
 - Town meeting resolution from Bob A.
- Approval of previous minutes
 - No quorum last month. No need to approve November.
 - October meeting minutes approved.
- Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed)
 - More information coming from CVRPC in the next couple weeks. Likely to have a meeting with them in Mid January.
 - The Planning commission is also involved, need to speak further with them.
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam (if needed)
 - Michael not present. No updates.
 - Brief discussion about the summary presented by Michael at the November meeting.
 - More to come.
 - Button up
 - Nick tabled at Twinfield on Saturday.
 - Nick to follow up with Rich on if any help is needed for the Button up workshop this coming weekend. Will email the list and reach out as needed if help is desired.
 - Anne is willing to volunteer the Natural Marshfield time slot in January to Rich, if needed.
 - The workshop is from 1:30-3:30 on Saturday the 9th.

- Rich has been putting up door-hangers around town for this.
- Rich could use some help to get refreshments. Apple cider, coffee (can be made onsite), cookies or brownies, or donuts.
- Nick will bring cider to the event.
- VECAN follow up
 - Anne attended VECAN.
 - One workshop she attended was related to Act 174. Some of the material presented made Anne think that it could be beneficial for farmers. The idea is to encourage multi-use, such as planting pollinator gardens under/near solar panels.
 - Nick to follow up and get signed up as the VECAN contact. (Michael used to be).
 - Anne also attended a workshop about reenergizing energy committees, but didn't find it very helpful.
 - Anne suggested adding any actions taken in Marshfield to the VT Energy Dashboard. The Energy Dashboard can also be used as a source of information to pull down and create a poster.
 - Some talk of grass pellets for heating. Interesting UVM article from 2016 on this here: <http://blog.uvm.edu/cwcallah/files/2016/05/Summary-Report-Grass-Puck-Testing-at-Meach-Cove-2015-Final-2016-04-18.pdf>
- Town meeting resolution.
 - Rich presented the draft resolution which Bob has created for Plainfield's town meeting.
 - Rich is going to draft a resolution for Marshfield's town meeting and will circulate it to the EC list for review before he gets signatures.
- Public comment
 - Rich is going to try and get a conversation going to have a community discussion about climate change. He is suggesting this should be done in early to mid February.
 - Rich has two suggestions about possible new members for the committee. He will send these. Nick to follow up with Rich about these people.
- Plainfield updates
 - No one from Plainfield present.
- Draft agenda for January meeting
 - Select a facilitator
 - Public comment
 - Announcements
 - Agenda modification
 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed)
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam (if needed)
 - Button up
 - Town meeting resolution update (if needed)
 - Climate change discussion update
 - New members (if needed)
 - Plainfield updates
- Draft agenda for next meeting