

Minutes: Nov. 20, 2014
Craftsbury Energy Committee

Attending: Amelia Frits, Chair, Kathy Stark, Ned Houston, Jim Flint, Mabel Houghton, Kevin Gregoire, Lisa Sammet

Meeting started at 7:12 PM

1. Beautification effort successfully planted daffodil bulbs in six locations around Craftsbury and hope to be beginning of an ongoing effort
2. Efficiency Vermont Forum on Oct. 28
 - Amelia attended with Erika Karp of Greensboro
 - EFVT was looking for input for their next 3 year plan
 - 35-40 people attend
 - Two key interests for our committee:
 - cold climate heat pumps
 - Sunward Solar hot water 3 month pilot program with incentive money available until Dec. 30 ,with 30% federal tax credit, a \$1,600 incentive with approximate cost of \$8,500 per
3. Button Up VT Day of Action on Nov 1, 2014
 - Amelia had a sheet of energy tips to hand out at the recycling depot but the person in charge told her that the Lamoille Solid Waste District did not allow any solicitations at the depot. Select Board members Susan Houston and Jim Jones came by and a compromise was reached for Amelia to stand in the middle of the road to hand out the flyers
4. Street Lighting initiative
 - Paul Markowitz (Efficiency VT) sent out info on public street lighting efforts to change lights to LED lighting
 - An MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) between Efficiency VT and the municipality for EVT to help with technical aspects of upgrading street lighting
 - If we do the MOA this year the Town will be in line for the 2015 LED Light program
 - Need to do inventory of lights with Hardwick Electric Dept (HED)
 - Amelia and Lisa will attend Select Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25 to discuss this with the Select Board
 - Some private citizens pay for street lights at their own homes
 - Should find out how much the lights cost
5. VECAN Conference on Sat. Dec 6 at Lake Morey Resort
 - Kevin, Amelia, and perhaps Mabel will attend
 - Amelia will be doing a presentation about Town Energy Committees successes
6. Speaker series ideas for 3rd Wednesdays in Jan, Feb, March 2015
 - Passive House Alliance on the passive house standard for building
 - Local architect Patrick Kane who works in energy efficient building design and was the architect for the new energy efficient building at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center
 - Vermont Electric Coop talk on their net metering project possibly in February
 - Cold climate heat pumps
 - Forum on street lighting
7. Other

- Use Front Porch Forum more to put out weekly energy tips (who will do this and what info from where?)
- See if it would be possible to bulk buy LED light bulbs to help cut cost for homeowners and businesses (who will investigate this further?)

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary