

Craftsbury Energy Committee  
Minutes: Jan. 16, 2014

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Ned Houston, Mabel Houghton, Kevin Gregoire, Jim Flint, Lisa Sammet

Meeting commenced at 7:10 PM

1. Solar Panels on Town Garage
  - Three estimates presented to Select Board 12/10/13
  - Discussion of wording for warning for Town Meeting in March- the wording has undergone many edits
  - Proposal to have Green Mountain Power (GMP) Good Neighbor Fund pay for the installation.
  - Mabel will contact Select Board Chair Bruce Urie about the GMP fund status
  - Question about whether the caps for net metering will be raised by the legislature this session
  - For Town Meeting: Kevin and Ned will draft a script for the information meeting about this proposal to be held before Town Meeting to explain the project- costs, cost savings for the town, etc.
  - Info meeting: To be held at the Town Hall- Lisa will call Yvette Brown to find available dates.
2. Vermonitivate
  - Discussion of when Kathryn Blume should come back to talk about Vermonitivate
  - Ned will put something into Sterling Community Newsletter and see if anyone is interested
  - Lisa will do publicity
3. Community Visioning Forum proposed by Amelia Fritz
  - Use the VNRC (Vermont Natural Resource Council) publication: Resilient Communities Scoreboard
  - Work with the Craftsbury Planning Committee and the Conservation Commission
  - For early April
  - Amelia has been discussion this with Linda Wells, chair of the Planning Committee
4. Combined efforts got our report to the town for the Town Report of our committee's 2013 activities
5. Town Meeting: have table with handouts, no survey planned for this year
6. Using Front Porch Forum (FPF) for energy ideas
  - Way to get conversations going- put out ideas
  - Could point out things like sales on LED lights
  - Do an energy comment or tip of the week?
  - Energy raffle (like the 7 word raffle that just ran)
7. Question: should CEC continue to meet at The Art House as they are asking for \$10/month to use the space.
  - Ask Select Board if we can use some of our appropriation for this
8. Town Hall: Thermal Audit
  - CEC must do an initial walk-through to look at energy use
  - Then recommend a Thermal audit

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014: Location TBA

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Submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary