

Minutes: Feb. 21, 2013
Craftsbury Energy Committee

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Kevin Gregoire, Mabel Houghton, Lisa Sammet
Guest: June Cook from the Hardwick Gazette

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

1. Discussion of the Town Meeting Survey
 - Lisa will make the edits discussed
2. Outreach program
 - Third Saturday outreach at recycling, the two stores and the Art House: Decided we need to get our CEC brochure done so we have a handout.
 - Program after Community Dinner on Feb. 20 was a success. Attended by 40 people.
 - March 20: Next program after the Community Dinner at the United Church on the Common: third Wednesday of the month. Hope to get the energy projects done by students from the Craftsbury Academy in science classes led by Peter Merit (sp?).
 - Plan to invite a certified Energy Auditor: Mark Schneider from Greensboro Bend and also invite Shawn Ecklund to talk about his work on cellulose insulation.
3. Vermont Home Energy Challenge: Training in Morrisville, Feb. 25. Starts at 5:30 PM
 - A number of our committee members plus some Sterling College students will be attending to learn what lay people can do to interest our community members in joining in this effort to get more homes weatherized.
 - Plan to show the BUTTON UP movie as a follow-up at one of our meetings.
4. Updates:
 - Idle Free Campaign: Amelia met with Superintendent Jo Ann Canning and bus company owner Bear Bessette on 1/28/13 to check on the progress of the campaign. Bear says that unless people report that the buses are idling, he can't do much.
 - May is Asthma Awareness month and Amelia has contacted art teacher Jane Donahue to see if she would get her art classes to make posters about no-idling and clean lungs. Amelia is contacting the school nurses to get them on board and also the REACH, after-school program to see if those kids could participate. Also, will involve the principals.
5. Solar Hot Water project
 - Kevin got the videos from the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) on how they got many solar hot water systems installed in the Plymouth, NH area.
6. Green Mountain Power Good Neighbor Fund (GMP)
 - Discussion on possible projects that the town could use this money for
 - Suggestion to join with the Craftsbury Conservation Commission (CCC) to think of some projects.
 - Proposed to invite some of the CCC members to our next meeting on March 21.
7. Kevin met with Rick Nichols of Solartech Vermont in Sutton
 - Rick did an evaluation for putting solar photovoltaic arrays on the Town Garage.
 - Possible us for some of the GMP Good Neighbor Fund ?
 - Probably will need to get 2 more estimates

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Next meeting on Thursday, March 21 at 7 PM at the Art House

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary