

Minutes: April 25, 2013
Craftsbury Energy Committee (CEC)

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Ned Houston, Kevin Gregoire, Jim Flint
The meeting convened at 7:20 PM

I. Weatherization Challenge

- a. Walk-through update: total of 4 done
- b. Interest in walk-through: an additional 4
- c. People following up with official energy audits with certified auditors: about 10
- d. Other ideas for the weatherization challenge:
 - Get those who have had work done on a pamphlet showing savings
 - Have an open house at one of the homes where an audit and work have been done
 - Have folks document their projects with photos to later have a slide show program
 - Do neighborhood gatherings
 - Should have the talks in Oct/Nov
 - Have a Renewable Energy Celebration in the fall
 - Get the Forestry Committee to do a talk on biomass

II. Program after Community Dinner on May 15th: Fifth Year Anniversary of the CEC

- a. Create a timeline of what the committee has done (Lisa and Amelia, Town Report articles)
- b. Kevin will update Amelia's display of local renewable energy
- c. Make a small brochure about energy savings from projects in the area (may not have enough time for this one).
- d. Invite the certified energy auditors, solar pv and solar H2O contractors from the area to set up displays: Kevin will look into this
- e. Lisa will do publicity

III. Hardwick Electric Dept. (HED) and Sterling College

- a. Discussion of the problem that HED has almost reached its 4% of renewable
- b. Perhaps HED should make an exception for municipal projects as they benefit the tax payers

IV. Solar Evaluation of the Town Buildings

- a. Kevin has been leading on this project and has one more estimate to come
- b. Recommendations will be submitted to the Select Board

V. Green Mountain Power (GMP) Lowell Wind Project rebate to Craftsbury

- a. The committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Select Board that the money should be spent on projects that help the entire town's sustainability.
- b. The committee wrote a letter which will be presented to the Select Board (Attached here).

VI. Vermontivate

- a. www.vermontivate.com is a new project that was highlighted in the Seven Days issue 4/17/13
- b. Using gaming as a way to engage people in sustainability
- c. We may be able to use this as a resource

VII. CEC is going to request from the Select Board that we do a walk-through for thermal energy savings on Town buildings

- a. Town buildings have had electrical audits but not thermal audits

VIII. Review of the talk by local author, Paul Scheckel who spoke at the Craftsbury Library about his New book: THE HOMEOWNER'S ENERGY HANDBOOK: Your guide for getting off the grid

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM

Next meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 7 PM at The Art House

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary