

Minutes: Sept. 17, 2015
Craftsbury Energy Committee

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

1. Home weatherization program and drawing for the first Home Energy Audit

- The Craftsbury Energy Committee is sponsoring two drawings for two FREE Home Energy Audits worth \$500 each
- Financial donations for these two free audits from Pete's Greens, Sterling College, Concept II (Parent company of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center), the Craftsbury General Store and the Craftsbury "C" Store.)
- Kevin did a table at the recycling on Sept. 5, Lisa on Sept. 12 each got several people to sign up for the raffle for the Audit
- Program attended by 17 people
- Presenters were Certified Energy Auditor Mark Snyder and Mark Kelley from EVT about financing through the Heat Saver Loan Program
- Audit raffle winner: Phil Lovely

2. Oct. 21 Presentation on Heat Pumps coordinated by Kevin

- Mabel and Amelia will have a table at recycling on Oct. 17 to sign up people for the second Home Energy Audit Raffle
- Collaborating with Efficiency Vermont (EVT)
- Bournes Energy is already committed
- EVT will line up some more presenters
- Consultant Jim Ashley will present
- Kevin will e-mail committee about details he works out with EVT

3. Community Visit sponsored by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD) Sept. 22

- Our members are encouraged to attend
- There are six interest areas
- A follow-up visit by VCRD will happen in October for the town to vote on projects it wants to do

4. Town Energy Plan- Subcommittee, Amelia, Ned and Lisa meet at Amelia's Mon. Sept. 21 at 9 am

- Lisa will work on a list of resources
- Goals and objectives need to be added
- Transportation may be covered in other section?
- Goal: ways of tracking the energy use in town, all energy including diesel fuel, heating fuel, electricity, etc.

5. School Board Meeting Sept. 8, 2015

- Amelia attended to give advice on their next steps on getting work done to carry out the audit of the Preschool to Grade 4 building to use the money voted on at the March 2015 Town Meeting to use the Good Neighbor Funds from Green Mountain Power.
- They agreed to get started on this work
- There might be additional money from Building and Grounds in the OSSU Budget according to Jeff LeCours, the OSSU Building and Grounds supervisor
- They need to get a cost estimate done

6. Future Projects

- Discussion about helping neighboring town of Albany in saving energy at their school
- Briefly discussed the usefulness of planning a hands-on project or other verifiable result project in addition to the monthly presentations
- Amelia will follow-up with Hardwick Electric Department (HED) on the changing of streetlights
- Ned will find out from HED what happens now with people and businesses who go solar since they no longer are accepting any more netmetered projects. Will HED buy the power at the wholesale price?

-Lisa will look into ways that municipalities can get a Certified Thermal Audit for the Town Hall and look for ways of possible financing

7. OTHER

-November informational meeting: Kevin is proposing that we sponsor an Energy Tour of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center possible on Tuesday, November 17 from 4 pm to 6 pm

-Kevin has applied to the High Meadows Fund to attend the Renewable Energy Vermont (REV) Conference Oct 8-9. You have to apply by Sept. 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015 at 7 PM at the Craftsbury Public Library

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary