

Minutes: 2-19-15
Craftsbury Energy Committee

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Kevin Gregoire, Mabel Houghton, Kathy Stark, Lisa Sammet

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

1. Street Lighting

- Amelia met with Hardwick Electric Dept. Manager Mike Sullivan. Gina Campoli who is the Craftsbury representative to the HED board was also present along with Erika Karp gathering info for Greensboro
- The first step is to inventory and evaluate the lights. HED only has a listing and no other info
- Will hold 3 neighborhood forums about the light. There are lights in the village, at the Common and in East Hardwick.

- Order LED replacement lights by April or May

2. Discussion of the use of the so-called "Good Neighbor Fund" from Green Mountain Power

- Wording in the warning is vague
- Working with Steve Moffat, Chair of School Board, to suggest using it to work with Efficiency Vermont's School Energy Program to work for energy savings that will help all tax payers in Craftsbury
- Write an advisory to the Select Board and Town Meeting that the funds should be used for renewable energy, energy conservation, reducing the Town's use of fossil fuels
- Ned Houston is prepared to speak to the issue at Town Meeting

3. Films for programming: report by Kathy Stark and Mabel Houghton who are researching films that are available for future programming. They will preview some films and report back at the next meeting.

4. Upcoming Craftsbury Energy Committee informational meetings that we are offering at the Craftsbury Public Library:

Thurs., 2/26, 6:30, Net-zero energy Passive House construction

Wed., 3/18, 7:00, Home Weatherization

Wed., 4/15, 7:00, Vermont Electric Coop's Solar Electric Group Net Metering for VEC utility customers

Wed., 5/20, 7:00, Craftsbury Sustainable Energy Fair with renewable energy and energy conservation service providers setting up information tables

5. May 20: Craftsbury Sustainability Fair

- Kevin will contact some solar electric, solar hot water and weatherization companies to attend
- HED will be contacted by Amelia for them to talk about their renewable energy portfolio and plans for a solar field

- Kathy will contact Judy Geer and Dick Dreissigacker for Craftsbury Outdoor Center to participate

- Mabel will contact Bourne Energy for their biodiesel product

- Shall we include Agriculture?

- For next time: Everyone think about vendors and presenters

6. Town Meeting Display

- Info on Street lighting- Amelia

- Solar Tracker info- Kevin

- Front porch forum info- Lisa

- Recruiting committee members- Lisa

- Get photo of tracker that was on front page of Hardwick Gazette from Vanessa Fournier- Lisa

7. Walk-through visits

- Kathy Stark needs to reschedule

- Kevin and Mabel did Phyllis Harrington's home

- Town Hall still needs to be done

8. Kevin gave a report about the EVT conference

9. Rutland Renewable Energy Placement Resolution- discussion

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary