

Minutes from Craftsbury Energy Committee meeting March 17th, 2016. Present: Amelia Fritz, Kevin Gregoire

1) Town Meeting Display was a success. We had a number of people stop by asking questions.

Recent Presentations: The Showing of the film "Plastic Planet" was well attended and awareness gained re. our culture of plastic use and how it affects the environment and humans both.

Craftsbury's new Green Space presentation by Jim Flint had 22 people attend with good questions and discussion.

2) Amelia and Kevin had attended a pellet boiler presentation on March 9th, put on by the non-profit, Northern Forest Center, and learned of grant money available for municipal pellet boiler installations up to \$12,000, plus a range of costs for a typical 2000 sq. ft. home.

3) Elementary School weatherization update: Kevin reported that he had talked with Jeff Lecours, Head of school maintenance, Steve Moffat, and Harry Miller about the possibility of putting in a Pellet Boiler in the Elementary School instead of the proposed 2 fuel oil furnaces. There has not been a formal bid given for the potential of a pellet boiler installation, only an opinion by the pellet boiler installer at the Academy that the cost would not be worth it for the Elementary since there would have to be an outside building constructed to house the boiler.

It was decided that the Energy Committee would pursue an estimate from Bournes for the Elementary School to see what their thoughts are on a potential installation with application of grant money from the Northern Forest Center and Efficiency VT.

4) April 27th NEK Potential Energy Committee start up presentation with VECAN (Vt. Energy and Climate Action Network)

It was decided in a conference call with VECAN that we will focus on just a round table discussion with energy committee-interested folk, and reschedule the initially planned Affordable Net Zero Modular Housing presentation. This will give us time to connect with folks.

VECAN is providing funds to buy food for a dinner and an agenda for the night has been decided with VECAN input. Both VECAN and the Craftsbury Energy Committee presenting. The dinner will start at 5:30 and planned discussion will last till 8:00. Doug, Amelia and Kevin are sending invites and advertising out to solicit interested folk to come.

5) Patrick Kane will be presenting on Wed. 5/18, 7:00 - 8:30. He is a local architect and will present his work on energy conscious buildings that he has designed.