

Minutes: Thursday, April 21, 2016

Craftsbury Energy Committee (CEC)

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Chair, Kathy Stark, Doug Hallam, Ned Houston, Mabel Houghton, Lisa Sammet

1. NE VT Energy Roundtable discussion: Presentation on April 27 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM at Craftsbury Library

- VECAN (Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network) working with CEC to help area towns start energy Committees

- Kathy, Amelia, Doug and Ned will come early to set up the Craftsbury Library

- Projector and screen needed

- CEC will have 15 to 20 minutes to give an overview of what CEC has done since it began in 2008

- Amelia will give an introduction

- Ned will talk about net-metering and the solar tracker

- Kevin will discuss Presentations and Energy Fairs

- Doug and Kevin compiled a hand-out of Categories of Energy Projects, resources and contacts

- Supper catered by the Craftsbury Village Store and the Craftsbury General Store

- So far 10 representatives from area towns have indicated they will attend and 10 CEC members and contacts from VECAN and Eff. VT.

2. Future presentations

- May 18, Wednesday at 7 PM: Patrick Kane, architect, will talk about efficiency designs

- Fall proposals include programs from Efficiency Vermont: 1. Modern wood heat, 2. Affordable housing

- Engelbert Construction which is the company constructing the Globe Theater in Greensboro could talk about energy efficient commercial construction (Kevin has been talking with them)

3. Films for the fall: next up "Gasland." Kathy and Mabel will also look at films from Catamount Arts

4. "This Changes Everything"- the film on climate change is being shown at the Hardwick Town House on Sunday, April 24 at 1 PM followed by a panel discussion including Steve Gorelick, Steve Young and Manuel O'Neill.

5. Village Greenspace project: needs volunteers on Sat. April 23, 2016 from 1 pm – 3 pm

6. The Elementary Prek to grade 4 building weatherization is going slow right now but looks like work will be done in the summer.

- There was a presentation by the **Northern Forests Center** from Concord, NH with about their pellet boilers with few in attendance. They are giving incentives right now. However, the Craftsbury School Board wasn't interested in talking with them about using this heating source for the PreK to 4 building.

7. Beautification update: Bulbs have been planted in 7 locations around Craftsbury

- Amelia proposed that a post be made on Front Porch Forum asking if anyone can name the locations of where the bulbs have been planted. Whoever can name all the places will be put into a Drawing for a FREE large creamee from C. Village Store as a prize. Deadline Tues., April 26, Noon.

8. Sun. June 5th at 5 PM at Craftsbury Public Library Marie LaPre Grabon will present a program on clouds

9. Draft of Craftsbury Town Plan hearing will be on April 28 at 7 PM at the Town Hall

10. Proposal to have a link to the Town Solar Tracker production on the Town website

11. Fall 2016: CEC should get statistics on baseline energy consumption for the Town

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet

Next CEC meeting Thursday, May 19 at 7 PM at the Craftsbury Library