

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Notes of 9/18/07 Meeting

Attending: Andy, Anne and Rich. Lawrence was out of town and Mike had a conflict.

Open: 5:15 PM Close: 6:20 PM

Next Meeting: October 11, 2007

Discussion:

- 1) Andy is getting the GMP meter and account numbers for Town meters from Bobbi. He will contact Bobbi to get the phone number of the Village Clerk/Treasurer to get the Village wastewater, water and light meter numbers and accounts. With these accounts and phone numbers in hand he can get the electrical use off the net. Andy, the Village Clerk is Deborah Tousignant at 426-3310. I think I told Doreen Mears which is wrong.
- 2) Anne is researching existing public transportation and finding few existing possibilities, none suitable for providing transportation for employment. Anne questions whether Marshfield by itself can cause the public transportation for employment to be developed.
- 3) We discussed having a question on the survey about whether residents agree with less winter road plowing to save fuel. It was decided not to pursue this question. There was discussion of having an article on the warning concerning approval of the additional cost of going to 20% biodiesel. We decided to research the impact of the using soybean oil to make biodiesel on the food uses of soybean oil before deciding whether to recommend biodiesel.
- 4) Mike is having trouble getting any time to work on the development of written materials for residents to help them reduce energy use and use alternatives energy sources. We briefly discussed that we may all need to help on this effort during the winter after the survey is complete.
- 5) The survey will be in the October Field Notes with background information. The purpose is let people know what's in the survey and to get them to pull together their energy use information ahead of time, if possible.

The town will be broken into 6 or 7 sections. Most sections will have at least one person assigned to conduct the survey. In the Maple Hill and Hollister Hill section there will be at least two persons. Hopefully, there will be more than these 10 or 12 person minimum. Rich will be contacting people to do the survey. He has a list that has been refined somewhat by discussions with Bobbi. Johanna has indicated the she, J.Groveman and their local friends would be willing to send a day on a specific section or sections.

When sectioning is completed and people committed, there will be an overall meeting of volunteers to go over the survey approach and develop standard answers to obvious questions. Target to start a trial run of the survey by me is October 1, 2007 with the volunteers meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> and the survey starting the next day

- 6) The fluorescent lamp project is delayed waiting for Plainfield and Cabot to

provide some information to Efficiency Vermont so we get enrolled in the program. Then we will find out whether Plainfield Hardware's supplier and EV's negotiator can get to a price that will make the project a go.