

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee  
Meeting Notes  
October 8, 2007

Meeting Opened: 6:30 PM

Adjourned: 7:00PM

Attending: Mike Zahner, Rich Phillips, Anne Miller, Lawrence Black

Notes:

- 1) Rich explained that the status of the fluorescent lamp project. It appears to be a go at Plainfield Hardware with a price of \$0.99 for 60, 75 and 100watt equivalent lamps. Hopefully the details will be worked out in time for a start of the project by December 1, 2007. The availability of this program will be highlighted in the energy survey handout materials.
- 2) Rich explained the status of the survey effort. We have about 14 volunteers and they will meet to discuss the survey and approach after this meeting (at 7:00PM). Current estimate is that there are about 600 residential units without apartments and we would not be done until Thanksgiving (on 10/23/07, the estimate was by Christmas). (Not all volunteers showed up on 10/15/07 so an additional meeting was held on 10/15/07).
- 3) Rich explained that three youth at Twinfield (Brandon Popp, Eon Young and ? ) were continuing the Twinfield Hydro project and that project is really a part of our future project to look into local sources of energy generation. Rich has suggested to the youth they might want to come to a meeting of the Committee to discuss their project and ways the two groups could support each other. The Committee thought this was a good idea and Rich will make the arrangements.
- 4) Anne explained what she found out at the bio-diesel seminar she went to on 10/10/07 at UVM. There is a bio-diesel production plant being built in Swanton, which will at least make the production more local. This doesn't relieve the concern of using a food level oil to produce the bio-diesel. At least the production of the bio-diesel is much more efficient in it's use of energy than ethanol from corn.
- 5) Andy Perchlik has a conflict on Thursdays so we need to find another night for our regular meetings which have been the second Thursday.