

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Meeting Notes
11/14/07

Attending: Anne, Lawrence, Rich Andy

Open: 5:15

Adjourned: 6:15

- 1) Mike's Resignation: Hilary Alexander and Philippe Leclerc were invited to the meeting at the last minute and neither was able to attend. Rich will contact them again to explain the duties and see if they are interested. Rich will also contact Aaron Manke. Whoever of these three is interested will be referred to the Selectboard for appointment.
- 2) Mike's draft of information for the residents: We briefly reviewed the draft and generally decided the way to provide the information might be to develop an energy page on the town's website which would be organized by topic area (weatherization, solar hot water, wind, passive solar etc.) with links to web-based resources for each topic. People with web access could then quickly get to their topic on interest. For those not computer-savvy or without access to a computer we could develop a package of copies of pertinent web pages and/or existing handouts from organizations. This package probably would not be a complete coverage of all topics in depth. A suggestion was made that we check out grants for developing the web pages. Rich will check with Bobbie on who she has to assist her on the town website.
- 3) A suggestion was also made that Hilary Alexander might be a good person to head this up this project up. Rich will talk with her about this whether or not she becomes a member.
- 4) We discussed the need to develop the bio-diesel recommendation by the first part of January so the Selectboard can include it in the warning if we so recommend. Anne has this project. She requested assistance in completing her survey duties so she has time to work on the bio-diesel evaluations necessary for a recommendation. Rich will see if she can have some survey support.

Rich explained there would likely be a pre-town meeting in 2008 where we can present the background for the recommendation. We expect to develop a pros and cons document for that meeting or for town meeting.

- 5) We discussed providing Andy some assistance with the municipal facilities project. This might be a possibility for Aaron Manke or Philippe Leclerc. Rich will discuss with them whether or not they become members. One idea is to have the new member handle the Village portion of the work under Andy's guidance.
- 6) Rich updated on the CFL and survey projects. CFLs should be available at Plainfield Hardware and Harry's in Cabot shortly after the first of the year. The three towns have met and set a goal of 5000 lamps by April 1, 2008, extending the termination date if we have lamps left and getting more lamps if we run out before

April 1st. The town representatives will meet shortly to develop promotional materials. The survey is proceeding but several volunteers are having trouble getting the surveys back. More follow calls and maybe visits will be necessary. The survey will stretch to Christmas and beyond.