

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Draft Notes of 6/23/08 Meeting
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Attending: Lawrence Black, Saul Gresser, Rich Aiken, John Morris, Anne Miller, Rich Phillips

Commence: 7:10 PM

Adjourn: 9:10 PM

Business:

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the current and potential future projects (derived from the suggestions of residents in the survey), prioritize them and develop plans to further implement the most important ones we have human resources to tackle. Rich provided background information in a document entitled "Prioritizing Energy Projects" dated 6/23/08, which should be referred to for the project description, status and the needed effort to complete each project.

The turn out for the meeting was considerably less than those who expressed an interest in helping with energy efforts in the survey and were invited to this meeting. This continues to point to the need to limit the efforts to those that can be reasonably handled by the few people actually willing to support the work with their presence and efforts

Ranking Projects:

After brief discussion of the current and potential projects, we individually ranked each project on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the most important. The individual rankings for each project were added together and the projects listed in descending order based on the total points received:

1) Information for Residents	25 Points
2) Municipal Facilities	23`
3) Transportation	22
4) Assessment of Local Generation Options	20
5) Implementation Assistance	19
6) Twinfield Learning	18
6) Zoning and Planning	18
6) Building Community	18
7) Financial Support	17
8) Reduction of Food Transport	9

Implementation Discussion:

Recognizing the limited human resources we have, we decided to proceed as follows on these projects:

- 1) Information for Residents: This has been put on the back burner several times as people working on it have left the Committee. Anne, Saul and John will discuss this and try to have a concept of the content of the web site for review at our regular meeting on July 14, 2008. John has some skill in developing regular websites but he's not sure he can do one with that includes the on-line survey.

They will get together the content and we'll worry about the making and maintenance of the site later. Bobbi has said she can do a simple site.

- 2) Municipal Facilities: Rich has this in hand and just needs to focus on it more to complete it. John and Lawrence have offered to help and will be called on if there is anything they can help with. Rich intends to finish the Town and Village facilities by mid fall but Twinfield will be delayed so that interested students have the option of working with Rich to finish the audit and make recommendations.
- 3) Transportation: So far, we have finished the bio-diesel report and collected the ride share/public transportation ideas on the survey. There is no current plan on what to look at or how to look at it. Anne and Lawrence are the leads. Tentatively, we decided that Anne and Lawrence and any other members that they can enlist will develop a preliminary proposed workplan for this project for review at the regular August meeting. This might be a little ambitious. Anne and I expect to bring up the need to address transportation regionally or on a multi-town basis on the networking conference for energy committees on July 9, 2008
- 4) Assessment of Local Generation Options: We decided it would be important to focus some effort on reviewing potential grant sources for a feasibility evaluation of potential wind and micro-hydro sites in Marshfield and maybe surrounding towns (for wind sites) to be accomplished by a consultant. Rich Aiken was particularly interested in reviewing micro-hydro sites. One possible funding source is the Clean Energy Development Fund, which will have a request for proposals in September. We will need an application supported by a draft scope of services for this grant request. Saul said he would look into this and report back. Rich will discuss different possible sources and timing with Andy Perchlik.
- 5) Implementation Assistance: We will hopefully receive the NEGEF grant and get the electric meters to loan out. We will need to gather additional funds to get the blower door. These are part of the direct assistance project. I believe we decided unless we get considerably more interest from residents to assist in energy matters we can not commit to further direct implementation assistance at this time. The scope of this project and the demand for human resources could be very large or it could be kept small. We need to keep it small.
- 6) Twinfield Learning: This project is not viewed as a high priority by the group but since we have been trying to get it off the ground with what we hope is some success and the plan is to implement it in the 2008/2009 school year, Rich and Anne and potentially Saul will continue to pursue it. We are waiting for feedback from the teachers as to what they would propose in response to the memo provided to them by Rich. This project goes nowhere without the teachers/principal support so our effort is focused on moving them along, they have to implement in the school. We intend to seek school board support for having an energy focus in the coming school year when the teachers/principal have come up with a plan.
- 7) Zoning and Planning: We have no resources to implement this. Rich is going to contact Annie Reed to see if she could handle this with the Planning Commission, since she is a member there.
- 8) Building Community: We decided Lawrence would be a good lead for this project as he speaks most eloquently about building a self-sustainable community

and Connie is quite interested in these issues also. Since we do not have the human resources to really pursue this project and other groups might be better at some of these issues, we decided that this project should be mostly coordination with the efforts of others where energy issues are involved.

- 9) Financial Support: Saul is interested in pursuing this project but he is also willing to help on some of the higher priority projects so we decided to delay work on this project to a future date when some of the other projects are completed or well on their way.
- 10) Reduction of Food Transport: We decided that others were really pursuing the eat local issue and we had no resources we could put in that would make any difference.

New Members:

Rich Aiken, John Morris and Saul Gresser agreed to have their names sent to the Selectboard for appointment to the Committee.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2008, 7:00 PM at OSC