

Notes of 6/29/09 Special Meeting
Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group

Attending: Bob Atchinson, Ed Hutchinson, Debra Stoleroff, Lawrence Black, Anne Miller, Dan Chodorkoff.

Convene: 6:30 PM

Adjourn: 8:00 PM

Business:

1) Solar Hot Water Workshop:

- We reviewed the approach taken for the Solar Challenge by Norwich and SERG and decided to use some of their approach
- The purpose of our effort is to promote the installation of Solar HW systems by providing information and helping connect homeowners with installers to get the details of an installation at their home
- A workshop tentatively set for Thursday August 22, 2009, (no time set?). Final date will depend on the availability of the vendors. If more are available on a different date or time we will consider changing the date/time. The workshop will include objective presentations by Bob Atchinson and Michael Horowitz, testimony/answering questions by homeowners currently using such systems, vendor displays and individual answering of questions about type and general cost of systems. Persons interested in obtaining more specific information/costs about a potential system for their home will be given a site specific survey which they can send to any certified installer to get the answers they need.
- We will provide a pre workshop survey to get interested homeowners thinking about their current costs for heating water and the potential to save through Solar HW. This survey will be placed on the Marshfield Energy Website and on the PACA website and referred to in the posters and press release, as well as some limited e-mail list in each town.
- We will develop an invite for the vendors to explain our objectives for the workshop and follow up so they can see this is a serious effort to promote Solar HW and is connected to their businesses.
- We did not select a location yet but Twinfield is probably available if we want or OSC.
- We will develop a press release and from it the posters and PSAs, calendar listings etc.

Assignments:

- Rich will prepare the invitation to vendors, the press release, and will call several Marshfield residents with Solar HW systems to attend the workshop.
- Bob will call several Plainfield residents with systems as well as prepare with Michael the presentations and handouts for the Workshop
- Lawrence will call the vendors using the invite Rich prepares. As an afterthought it may be best to send the invitation to those that agreed to come.

The preliminary list of vendors follows but Lawrence will check with Andy for a final list:

Brad Vietje, Green Mountain Solar Store
1344 Scott Memorial Highway --- Rte 302 Groton, Vt. 05046
802-584-4977

Howie Michaelson, Sun Catcher
1050 Lost Meadow Road, Corinth, Vt. 05039
802-439-6096

Radiantec
Lyndonville

Environmental Elements
Jim Grundy

House Needs
Waterbury

- Debra, using the press release, will get the information in the local calendars, request the PSAs, seek articles ahead, develop and put up posters. She will also work on the logistics of site and support equipment for the presentations
 - We will meet again on July 13, 2009 at our regular meeting to finish up on the planning for the workshop. Everybody needs to be done with their assignments before then so final publicity information can be distributed.
- 2) Twinfield Solar Electricity
Dan reported that he met with the School Board and they want to go ahead with the planning phase of the solar project. Michael is putting together the final grant request for \$5,000 to the Clean Energy Development Fund. The grant applicant was intended to be the Selectboard but Rich indicated it probably should be the owner---Twinfield . There will be a meeting of the subcommittee at Dan's house at 3:00 PM on Thursday July 2, 2009. Rich will attend.
 - 3) House Tour Reset
We decided not to redo the House Tour even though we essentially had only members attend on June 20, 2009
 - 4) Rich reported he had purchased 8 electric meters under the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund grant. Lawrence will be responsible for loaning 4 out in Marshfield and Ed loaning 4 out in Plainfield. We need to establish some rules, which we did not do---next meeting agenda. Rich will get the units to Ed and Lawrence.
 - 5) We decided to continue with the 7/17 meeting on Transportation unless it really 's schedules. Rich will follow up with Tawnya Kristen. This meeting is for energy committees, Selectboards, Senior Center, Cabot Creamery, Health Center, Area Council on Aging and others. It includes Cabot, East Montpelier, Marshfield and Plainfield. This is not a public meeting.

