

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
November 8, 2010 6:30 pm

Attending: John Morris, Rich Phillips, Joel Trupin, Lawrence Black

Joel Trupin was recruited by Dan Chodorkoff. This was Joel's first meeting.

The committee accepted the minutes from the September 13 and October 11 regular meetings and the September 20 meeting of the subcommittee on photovoltaics.

For the December Field Notes entry, Rich will call Sandy Paritz for a testimonial about her experience with the commuter bus. John suggested some information on the committee's work on the Old Schoolhouse Common. Rich will include information about the Energy Ambassadors program.

Upcoming conferences:

—Environmental Action Conference: At Vermont Technical College in Randolph 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
October 13

—Annual VCAN meeting: At Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee December 4. Dan, Rich, and Bob plan to attend.

Dan is working with the Planning Commission on the energy section of the town plan. Rich is assisting Dan.

Karl Bissex visited the OSC about a possible pellet boiler to replace one of the current oil-fired boilers. This unit is from an Austrian company, but the units are built in the USA. The unit would have the same footprint as one of the current oil boilers and a 7-ton pellet hopper could be placed next to the boiler room in the second Head Start room. The cost might be around \$25,000.

Changing T12 bulbs to T8s in the Old Schoolhouse Common. By July 2012, T12s will no longer be manufactured. We have an incentive offer from Efficiency Vermont for 27 fixtures: approximately \$1,500, leaving a local share of about \$1,000. However, a recent change to the NewLight program makes all of the T12 fixtures in the building eligible for the incentive at \$40 per fixture. This means it would cost the town approximately \$5,000 to change all 90 T12 fixtures and 12 exit signs. A full change over would save the town about \$700 a year at current electric rates.

Efficiency Vermont has a program for group buying and installing of solar energy systems. Rich may add this to his submission to Field Notes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.