

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, January 15th, 2017, 7:00pm
Upstairs library area

Committee members in attendance: Anne Miller, Nick Seifert, Becky Wigg, Wes Cate, Ed Hutchinson

Members of the public in attendance: Rich Phillips

Tentative agenda:

- Select a facilitator
 - Public comment
 - Announcements
 - Agenda modification
 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed)
 - Discussion about how to get Quorum.
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam (if needed)
 - Button up
 - Reimbursement for Rich.
 - Town meeting resolution update (if needed)
 - Town report by January 22nd to Bobbi
 - Climate change discussion update
 - New members (if needed)
 - Plainfield updates
 - Draft agenda for next meeting
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- Select a facilitator
 - Anne volunteered
 - Public comment
 - No comments.
 - Announcements
 - None.
 - Agenda modification
 - Anne added something about the Library.
 - Approval of previous minutes
 - Approved.
 - Business
 - Act 174 discussion (if needed) - 5 min.
 - Eric Vorwold from CVRPC will be at the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday January 18th to present information on how they will help Marshfield to write an energy plan compliant with Act 174. 6:30PM at the OSC, in the selectboard meeting room.
 - Discussion about how to get quorum 5 min.
 - Discussion around frustration in not getting quorum in a few meetings lately.
 - Decision is to email John and Dan individually and see what their feelings are about this.
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam (if needed) - 0 min
 - No update.
 - Button up reimbursement for Rich. - 2 min.

- Rich spent money for photocopies, food, and a couple other related items for the November button up event, around \$90. He asked Bobbi for a reimbursement, and received this already.
- Town meeting resolution update - 5 min.
 - Rich and Anne wrote a resolution for town meeting. They have nearly the minimum number of signatures for this. Must be submitted to Bobbi by January 18th.
 - One of the items on this directly relates to Twinfield adding Solar. Rich is planning to reach out to the superintendent and give a heads up about this so they are aware of this before it comes up.
- Town report by January 22nd to Bobbi - 5 min.
 - Nick will attempt a first draft at this and send to the list for edits.
 - If possible, bring a copy to the Thursday PC meeting for Anne.
 - Upcoming events for 2017?
- Climate change discussion update - 15 min.
 - Rich had intended to have this on 2/14, but this is valentines day, so will likely move to 2/20 or 2/21.
 - Intent is to provide an update on the present state of knowledge of the current and expected effects of climate change.
 - Much discussion around the topic, focus, how to get engagement, etc.
- New members (if needed) - 0 min
 - No updates.
- Library update - 5 min.
 - Anne suggested giving some amount of the Energy Committee budget to the library for buying climate change related books and/or movies.
 - Seems to be agreement this is OK. Need to figure out how much.
- Plainfield updates - 5 min.
 - A few updates from Plainfield
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 - Library book/movie donations/funding
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