

Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, October 1st, 2018, 7:00pm
Downstairs library area

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

Members of the public in attendance: Rich Phillips

- Select a facilitator
 - Wes volunteered
- Public comment
 - None
- Announcements
 - None
- Agenda modification
 - None, but added times
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Motioned and approved.
- Business
 - Act 174 update - 5 min
 - Nick to review Bonnie's notes regarding needed updates, and try to address it.
 - Nick and Anne to meet to review the updates on 10/15 at 6:30. Plan is to proofread and make edits.
 - Nick and Anne will circulate to Becky for review once updated.
 - Next step once EC is onboard with this is to send to the Planning Commission for review.
 - Fall Foliage festival update - 10 min
 - Anne mentioned that a number of vendors who had said they would be there, were not. Some that were present, did not engage with people very much (or people weren't interested).
 - A few rides were given in the electric cars, but the car location wasn't great. Next year a better location might get more rides. The reception was pretty good, in general.
 - The general consensus was that this type of event is a good time to do tabling and other awareness/educational activities.
 - There are a few holiday fairs and bazaars that are coming up, which could be a good chance for more of this.
 - Anne suggested possibly sponsoring a Plainfield spaghetti supper, sometime in the spring maybe.
 - Update on The Weather Machine presentation - 5 min
 - The second part of this presentation had 27 people, plus Roger Hill.

- Roger talked a bit about what interested him, but a discussion did not end up happening.
- Discussion about the Marshfield Dam - 5 min
 - Nick provided a brief update summarizing what has been going on, based on a GMP report, and some feedback from Michael.
 - Nothing major at the moment, the PUC process is going on, and the parties are working out schedules and details.
- Climate change discussion follow-up meetings (if needed) and Twinfield solar and weatherization update (if needed). - 15 min
 - Rich and a group of folks met to try and figure out how to put together a presentation about Twinfield's options.
 - There are a few pieces that need to come together to get this done, like getting power usage, getting a spreadsheet worked up and updated, then make a summary of all of this to present to the school board.
 - Regarding Twinfield weatherization:
 - There were audits performed in 2011 or around then. Some work from these audits was done, some has not been. Rich has requested some information related to this, RFP's which were done saying what needed to be done and how much it costs, but these reports are not able to be found. So they are going to re-work these, or start clean here.
 - Also at Twinfield they would like to submit an application to install a charging station with the grant money.
 - Rich is having difficulty getting responses from the superintendent, so he feels he is being stonewalled a bit.
 - Nick asked about why install a charging station at Twinfield. Rich's opinion is that it is a good educational opportunity.
- Discussion about grants or money for charging station grant application - 15 min
 - Becky discussed the charging station grant. We need either the planning commission, or selectboard, to pass a motion which would allow applying for this. Becky has talked to the Planning commission already and they are onboard. The next step would likely be to go to the selectboard.
 - Becky mentioned that there are some charging grant requirements related to infrastructure (pavement, lighting, ADA accessibility, etc.)
 - Nick mentioned that we should be close to this at the parking places near the building, and that the application could include any infrastructure needed.

- Becky mentioned that her time is limited in October, so this needs a champion to run with it during that time.
 - Nick asked about how involved the application is. Becky notes that there is a bunch of preparatory work needed (getting estimates, choosing a site and showing how this would work, etc.), and then writing the application shouldn't be too bad.
 - Becky will draft a list of items that need to get done in order to support the writing of the proposal.
 - Nick emailed Bobbi to request being on the selectboard agenda for 10/9. Becky, Nick, and Wes plan to attend.
- Update on book/video purchases (if needed) - 5 min
 - Anne has been looking into books to purchase, and trying to find ones which have a practical or locally relevant approach.
- Plainfield update - 10 min (if here)
 - No one from Plainfield present.
- Weatherization
 - Rich mentioned that he will be trying to get some home energy audits completed this fall. He is working with the energy action team to try and improve the audit/work conversion ratio.
 - Rich mentioned that using an IR camera during audits is very convincing. Milwaukee has one which is reasonably priced, and does not require a phone.
 - If the committee has money at the end of the year, we should consider buying one.
- Draft agenda for next meeting
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 - Act 174 update.
 - Update on planned activities (winter bazaar, etc) (if needed)
 - VECAN conference
 - Discussion about the Marshfield Dam.
 - Climate change discussion follow up meetings (if needed).
 - Twinfield solar and weatherization update (if needed).
 - Discussion about grants or money for charging station grant application.
 - Update on book/video purchases (if needed)
 - Plainfield update
 - Discussion about purchase of IR camera and weatherization.
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