Marshfield and Plainfield Energy and Climate Change committee
Monthly meeting minutes, August 5th, 2019, 7:00pm
Upstairs library area

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

Members of the public in attendance: None

- Select a facilitator
    - Anne volunteered.
- Agenda Modifications
    - Amanda update
        - Nick provided brief update from Amanda. She has been wanting to come, but new job
- Public comment
- Announcements
- Approval of previous minutes
    - Motioned and approved.
- Business
    - Act 174 update (if needed).
        - No update.
    - Marshfield dam discussion (if needed)
        - Michael update.
            - Nick shared status from Michael regarding the dam. The case is still moving forward, and had a site visit with new people, such as the new hearing officer, the 2018 dam engineer responsible for the safety report, and the lack of a warning system for plainfield and marshfield.
            - Michael's main concern for the energy committee members is that GMP is refusing to implement a warning system. Michael suggested involving the Selectboard in passing a resolution to support that.
        - Becky indicated (by email) that she would be happy to be involved with the emergency action plan (EAP).
            - Nick will reach out to Becky and ask her to please pursue this.
    - Model communities / RAMP program update
        - Energy team update
            - Wood heat
                - Nick gave a brief update on this. There is a focus on group buying opportunities for wood stoves and pellet stoves, as well as possibly pellet group buying.
            - Twinfield
                - Twinfield walk through with Efficiency VT is happening in the next week or two. That may lead to an audit.

        - No action on solar yet, but trying to develop a talking relationship with one or more members of the schoolboard.
    - Transportation
        - Anne indicated that this team is still trying to find a time/day to get together.
    - Community
- Discussion about Carbon Farming speaker series
    - Anne has wanted for a long time to do a series related to ecology and how climate change will affect growing. She wants to host a series related to this, and carbon farming.
        - The series would be based on current knowledge and research, rather than anecdote or rumor.
        - Anne is still working on this, but is speaking with a number of potential speakers, hopefully up to 4x nights.
- Discussion about what to do at the Fall Foliage Festival (if needed)
    - Anne asked if the committee should do anything on this.
    - Nick suggested that Amanda might be willing to do some work on this.
        - Nick will reach out to Amanda about this.
    - Nick indicated he would bring this up at the next RAMP Energy meeting.
- Plainfield update
    - No one in attendance.
- Draft agenda for next meeting
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        - Model communities / RAMP program update
        - Discussion about what to do at the Fall Foliage Festival (if needed)
        - Plainfield update
        - Draft agenda for next meeting