

Marshfield Energy and climate change committee meeting
April 5th, 2021 at 7:00pm

In attendance: Nick Seifert, Rich Phillips, Wes Cate, Anne Miller
Public in attendance: Ellen Keene

Agenda:

Announcements

- Rich mentioned there is a VECAN lunch session coming up on COVID funds for municipalities. April 19th at noon. Register here: https://click.everyaction.com/k/26679819/277712145/-1142347552?nvep=ew0KICAIvGVuYW50VXJpljoglm5ncHZhbjoyL3Zhibi9FQS9FQTawMS8xLzU4Mjk4IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvbVuaXF1ZUIkljogljVIMDhiZTA5LWMwOGMtZWlxMS04NWFhLTAwMTU1ZDQzYzk5MilsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHZJlc3MiOiAibmljay5zZWlmZXJ0QGdtYWlsLmNvbSINCn0%3D&hmac=ph_geGCpbZVfl21EE-zlaAtVaVCLyaMTyLUcfntZDo0=&emci=30b132a8-218b-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=5e08be09-c08c-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=5992914
- On April 13th at noon Efficiency VT is presenting the results of a survey they conducted on weatherization. Link for more info is here: https://click.everyaction.com/k/26679820/277712146/-381479253?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2021-03-11%20Partner%20Newsletter&utm_content=2021-03-11%20Partner%20Newsletter+CID_98dffa6e3a0f60a387f01a9ef690c22a&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor&nvep=ew0KICAIvGVuYW50VXJpljoglm5ncHZhbjoyL3Zhibi9FQS9FQTawMS8xLzU4Mjk4IiwNCiAgIkRpc3RyaWJ1dGlvbVuaXF1ZUIkljogljVIMDhiZTA5LWMwOGMtZWlxMS04NWFhLTAwMTU1ZDQzYzk5MilsDQogICJFbWFpbEFkZHZJlc3MiOiAibmljay5zZWlmZXJ0QGdtYWlsLmNvbSINCn0%3D&hmac=ph_geGCpbZVfl21EE-zlaAtVaVCLyaMTyLUcfntZDo0=&emci=30b132a8-218b-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=5e08be09-c08c-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=5992914
- There is a new round of rebates going for woodstoves. Sounds similar to previous rebates, Anne saw it in The World a few weeks ago. There is a tax and utility company rebate.
 - Nick to find the details for this.
- Bob announced that on Earth Day there will be bannering around the state from extinction rebellion, 350.org, and others. Reach out to Bob for more info.
- Anne mentioned that Joel Trupin passed away.

Minutes

- Not a quorum to pass the minutes at this time.

Business:

- Recruitment
 - Nick had one email with interest. No other responses.
 - Rich did attend, and re-listen to the lunch and learn about recruitment.
 - Rich emailed some thoughts on this on 4/5. The main points were:
 - Tailor projects to the interests of people who are active.
 - Create small projects, and teams, to act on particular, specific things (EV charging, weatherization, etc), and they do not need to be part of the committee.
 - Don't try to find more "choir" members, just engage people who are interested in participating.
 - Anne commented that we should consider the RAMP teams if projects align with interests from those teams.
- Survey
 - Survey does not need to be discussed tonight.

- The questions that were meant to be covered by this survey are mostly covered by the community energy dashboard (<https://www.vtenergydashboard.org/>). This currently isn't working to get the resource use data.
 - This could then be used to decide on action that would have the largest impact.
- There are some additional survey topics which could be discussed .
- Municipal energy use data
 - Data from Bobbi shows that the solar production is currently covering around 75% of energy consumption for the municipality.
 - The town would normally be responsible for this. They would allocate money and get this going through the normal budget process. For Marshfield this was originally done through a special vote, rather than as part of the normal budget.
- COVID funds projects
 - The VECAN discussion coming up on the 19th will hopefully provide details on projects that are eligible for these funds. That is not known at this time.
 - This will be critical to figure out what projects will be able to be funded.
 - Some potential projects:
 - Connect the town garage to the boiler at the OSC. The capacity is adequate for this, but would need to connect water over to the garage.
 - Weatherization at the Fire Station.
 - Hot water heater at OSC
 - Possibly EV Charging
 - Anne suggested that Bike infrastructure is a potential project.
 - Adding this to the agenda for May.
- Potential projects:
 - The Energy Committee proper would be (sort of) a steering committee, picking and generally managing the direction of the different projects.
 - Potential projects:
 - Additional municipal solar for the Town of Marshfield
 - Get the Village of Marshfield to sign up for an offtaker agreement for solar
 - Bike infrastructure improvements
 - EV infrastructure in the town
 - EV Promotion and familiarization / Access for people.
 - Fire station weatherization. Use the audit information to figure out what to do there. Some of this might be doable by a group of individuals. Some might need to be done by a contractor
- Plainfield Updates
 - Related to transportation, Plainfield has selected a vendor for the Sidewalk bridge project in town. It is being coordinated with the blinking light project (VTrans intersection project).
 - Some other minor topics going on, related to transportation
- Agenda for next time:
 - COVID funds updates and project eligibility.
 - Projects, and what specifically we want to do
 - Survey
 - Discuss meeting in person.
 - Nick to check with Bobbi about what is allowed.
 - Meeting time would likely need to be adjusted for daylight
 - Plainfield Updates