

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 2nd, 2021 7:00pm

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

- Announcements
 - Outdoor movies at the Jaquith start this Saturday 8/7 at 8:00pm
- Approval of previous minutes
 - Motioned and approved
- Agenda additions
 - None
- Business
 - Adding more Marshfield Municipal solar
 - Nick to get on the 8/17 Selectboard agenda to discuss this.
 - Nick asked who would be good to contact about this.
 - Recommended to talk to Rich Nichols, All Earth Renewables, Suncommon, Norwich Technology,
 - Fire station weatherization
 - Nick to talk with them at the officers meeting on 8/3. Approach will be to start the conversation and see how it goes.
 - Rich has a copy of the audit report, if needed.
 - Weatherization of rentals
 - Ellen and Rich drafted and sent a letter to Becca White. Becca is going to review this and provide feedback.
 - Rich mentioned that they've selected the list of addresses / landlords. This will work out to around 10x mailings. Hoping to have these out this month.
 - Harvest Festival and Community Celebration
 - Date is 9/26 for this.
 - What should the energy committee do for this?
 - Ellen mentioned we will need to have a table. We would have a handout sheet of information about the Energy Committee. Nick will try to write this and present at the next meeting.
 - What is the mission
 - What has been done
 - What are we doing
 - What do we expect to do in the next year
 - Rich recommends trying to get a bunch of EV's on site for rides and people to check out.
 - Wes will take this on and reach out to EV drivers. Rich has some info about who has one, as does Nick.
 - Anne will see if she can get some electric bikes.
 - Ellen is going to reach out to Capstone about getting the weatherization trailer to bring to the event.
 - VECAN Communications collaborative update
 - VECAN is trying to create a toolkit of resources that communities currently use to get information out. This is an "inventory" of local resources.
 - They are now moving towards creating a template communications form for projects. Rich believes there are going to be some benefits for the Energy Committee (or others) to go through the steps needed to identify key parts of the project, what the goals are, who the audience is, etc.
 - Next meeting is 8/10, and they'll be working to finalize this template. TBD on when this is available for use.
 - Solar lighting update for OSC (if needed)
 - Nick did a bit of research on this and provided info to Bobbi. The options did not look too promising. Nick provided this to Bobbi, as well as some other options. The grant deadline was coming up in early August, so need to check in with Bobbi on the status of this.
 - Plainfield Updates
 - Bob not in attendance, no updates from others.
 - Other business
 - None.