

Energy Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 12th at 7:00pm  
Old schoolhouse common & zoom

Members In attendance: Nick Seifert, Anne Miller, Ellen Keene, Mike Xenakis, Wes Cate  
Public: Michael Cerruli-Billingsly

- Public Comments
  - Michael Billingsly presented information about hazard mitigation committees in Vermont municipalities, and a bit of the history about Plainfield's disbanded committee. Michael is planning to bring a tent and present hazard mitigation information at the fall foliage festival. He will bring information about the floodplain maps in Marshfield and Plainfield. Michael is also creating his own maps to help better understand the extent of flooding, the egress routes, where the fire department could position their equipment, etc.
    - Regarding the Marshfield Dam, the primary spillway has been much improved: it has an inflatable control element, and a new gate, both can be controlled remotely.
    - The emergency spillway gate, however, is still using a "stop-log" design, with a support bar that is raised to let the logs out. Michael says it is an "all or nothing" type design, so once you start removing them, they all go. The emergency spillway itself is using a type of flexible, non-erodible mat, which should prevent "head cutting". The other item Michael believes needs attention is the Emergency Action Plan. Current EAPs don't account for the fact that roads will be flooded, where to evacuate people, etc.
- Announcements
  - None
- Agenda Updates
  - None, as below.
- Approve previous minutes
  - Minutes motioned and approved.
- Business
  - Plainfield Updates
    - No updates, bob not attending this time.
  - Fall foliage festival participation
    - EV Event? Description for Susan
      - Nick has reached out to GMP, and they have a program for this. Nick is talking to them on 9/13 and will find out what they can help us with.
      - Wes suggested contacting Efficiency Vermont if they would be willing to provide literature, or set up a table and promote the different programs they have. He can also bring down his plug in.
      - Anne has reached out to Darren at Vermont Bicycle Shop who is planning to bring some bikes. She also has a catalog of some

electric mowers/trimmers/etc. She will talk to Dan and Betsy Chodorkoff about bringing their Tesla down.

- Nick will put out an email to the EV chorus to see who can come and give rides. Nick will also plan to bring down his PHEV.
- Nick will try to give Capstone a call this week and see if they are able to come.
- Town Plan / Enhanced Energy Plan
  - No actions by Nick here yet. Best option is to wait for the updated GIS information for now. Consider when this will be available, and how to update.
  - Anne also said she spoke with Bobbi and because there is no planning commission, they will not be able to make the 5-year town plan update.
- Upper Winooski Community Solar
  - Ellen gave an update here. The landowner work was going well, but hit a snag with Maple Hill School being too busy. They are getting ready to talk to Maple Hill again. Rich is taking a break from this work, so Ellen, Wes and John Morris are taking the torch and continuing as they can. Also, with the federal tax incentive for solar now being renewed for a while, some of the urgency was not there.
- Marshfield Municipal Solar
  - Nick to be on the selectboard agenda next week.
- Funding Opportunities / sources / programs
  - Electric busses
    - Nick gave a brief update.
  - OSC Building committee
    - Mike connected with Justin, and let him know that he is interested in learning more. Rich and Mike walked through the building and agreed that a new audit would be the best next step. A new audit would be a great way to look at the building again and figure out where it is at.
  - Walk-in cooler for food-shelf
    - Anne gave a brief update. Glen (from the food shelf) has taken this and run with it. Anne and Glen met with the selectboard and discussed their possible upgrades to their walk-in cooler. They plan to attend the OSC Building Committee meeting at the end of this month.

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