

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Wednesday August 7, 2013 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

Members in Attendance: Sue LaPorte sel53@vermontel.net
Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com
Harry Van Meter hevanmeter@gmail.com
Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net

Members Absent: Cintia Morrissey (pt) amiconst@gmail.com

Others in Attendance: Karen Folger porchhillk@comcast.net

Others copied

Purpose/Intent of Meeting: To foster discussion of topics relevant to the awareness of energy use, efficiency and conservation within the Town of Pawlet and to establish and promote guidelines for the implementation of the energy initiatives set down in the Town Plan. The Group, at the request of the Pawlet Planning Commission, will take a lead roles in revising the Town Plan for 2015.

If it is believed that these meeting notes are not complete, accurate, or in context, please notify the undersigned of such discrepancy within ten days following receipt of this record.

Item key: xx.xx.xx – first 2 digits indicate year, second 2 digits indicate month and last 2 digits indicate item of discussion.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
13.08.01	July meeting	Group reviewed notes from the July meeting. No exceptions were taken. Monthly meeting notes are now up to date on the Town website.	
13.08.02	Town Hall Weatherization	1. Ken said that he spoke to Jessica Gardner of Citizens Bank and she told him she forwarded our request for donations toward	KF

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		Town Hall weatherization to higher authority. Ken has emailed her for update status and will continue to follow up with her;	EG
2.		Elizabeth is working on a donations request page on Indiegogo.com and has shown our goal as \$2,500. The deadline for donations will be set for Oct. 15 th giving a couple of weeks for Indiegogo to get a check to the Town prior to the Nov.1 st deadline for funds collected;	
3.		Elizabeth said that there is a 4% fee for posting on Indiegogo, but that the fee is reduced if the Town tax ID is provided;	
4.		It was agreed that the history of the Town Hall should be linked to our fund raiser page, since the money is for work on an Historic Registry site;	
5.		Karen Folger, who has been managing the renovation and restoration of the Town Hall briefly joined the group to discuss the repair of the roof;	
6.		It was agreed that the insulation in the building should be put on hold until the roof is repaired;	
7.		Karen said that we could apply to the State of Vermont for a matching grant up to \$20,000 for the work on the roof with the Town of Pawlet matching that amount;	KF
8.		Karen has to check to see when we received the last matching grant from the State, as there is a time limit before we can apply for another grant;	
9.		Sue will ask Cintia to see if NeighborWorks will agree to defer our deadline beyond the Dec. 31 st date, so we can get the roof repaired first;	SLP KF
10.		Ken recommended that we set up a table at the Art on the Green festival asking for donations and that we provide buttons with an image of the Town Hall and the text "Supporter of Pawlet Town Hall Restoration". Ken will man the table;	
11.		We will need a poster for the table and the text of the history of the building to hand out;	
12.		Sue will contact Chuck Weeden to see if he is getting estimates for the roof repair, so	SLP HVM

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		<p>we can indicate a goal in any fund raising campaign and Harry will recommend a scope of work so contractors can provide a bona fide estimate;</p> <p>13. Sue said that Doxy Roofing is a subcontractor of Russell Construction, who did the fire escape and the elevator, and who Chuck may be talking to about an estimate for the roof work.</p>	
13.08.03	Pawlet Street Lights	<p>1. Harry advised that the new GIS maps for Pawlet do not include street light locations;</p> <p>2. Harry has not been able to get in contact with Brenda Spafford of Green Mountain Power, as she has not returned his calls;</p> <p>3. Sue said that there is another contact at GMP that will be handling this issue – she will get the name to Harry who will follow up to see if GMP has a digital map where our street lights could be entered and then added to our GIS maps;</p> <p>4. Sue said that GMP has the inventory of the existing lights and the locations;</p> <p>5. Sue said that Efficiency Vermont will send a Memo of Agreement (MOA) to the Select Board for signature, which will then be sent to GMP, who will replace the lights.</p>	<p>HVM</p> <p>HVM</p>
13.08.04	Solar Power Technical Training	<p>1. Harry attended the Ground Mounted PV Siting and Permitting Training workshop presented by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, the Vermont Public Service Board and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets held at the Green Mountain Club on July 22, 2013;</p> <p>2. Harry will write up his notes and submit to the PEG and the Planning Commission.</p>	<p>HVM</p>

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13.08.05	Efficiency Vermont Weatherization Skillshops	1. Sue will send the schedule for the fall workshops to all; 2. Elizabeth will get the schedule on the Pawlet website.	SLP EG
13.08.06	Next meeting	Wednesday September 4, 2013 @ 12:00 noon in the Pawlet Town Hall. Sue and Harry will be out of town on this date. It was agreed that the meeting should take place anyway and Elizabeth will chair the meeting.	EG

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary