

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Wednesday October 2, 2013 @ 12:00 noon

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Cintia Morrissey (pt) amiconst@gmail.com
Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com

Others in Attendance

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 role in revising the Town Plan for 2015.

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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>
13.10.01	Leadership award	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Group has decided to nominate group member Cintia Morrissey for the VECAN Community Energy awards in the Individual Leadership category;2. Criteria for nomination was reviewed and Elizabeth Gibson wrote the application during the meeting, since it is due by	

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		3. The award will be presented at the VECAN annual conference in Fairlee, VT to be held at the Lake Morey Inn on Dec. 7, 2013.	
13.10.02	Town GIS maps	1. Harry reported that the cartographers, CAI, have told Steve Schilds of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission that the Town has reached its contractual limit for the year in uploads of new map layers for the Town's new GIS mapping system;	
		2. Harry will contact Tim Fountain of GAI to find out if this is true and, if so, what other means do we have for getting the 3-phase power and street light locations layers, prepared for us by Steve Schilds, onto the system now;	HVM
		3. Harry will call Steve to see if he can send us hard copies of these maps, so we can complete our street light evaluation for LED replacement.	HVM
13.10.03	Emergency Heating Fund	1. Elizabeth said that we need to put the word out about the local emergency heating fund before the cold weather sets in;	
		2. Need to advertise to alert the public of the availability of funds;	
		3. It was suggested that the advertisement include a request for donations to the fund.	
13.10.04	Town Hall Weatherization	1. The status of the weatherization program and a proposal from Weatherization Works was discussed;	
		2. There is a concern about the weight of blown-in insulation over the existing batt insulation – 1.5 lb/sf;	
		3. The current batt insulation is believed to be 6" R-19;	
		4. Corey Trimmer of Weatherization Works prepared a proposal to install enough insulation to increase the attic insulation to R-60;	
		5. The proposal needs the approval of the	

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13.10.05	Monthly Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There was a discussion about programs that would be of interest to the Town residents;2. Three suggestions were solar installations, wind turbines and geothermal;3. Harry will call:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. the Larsen farm regarding roof-mounted solar panels,b. Merck Forest farm regarding wind turbines;c. The Wentworths of West Pawlet regarding geothermal;4. Sue said that if we get enough of interest from the community we may be able to set up presentations in the upstairs ball room in the Town Hall.	HVM
13.10.06	PACE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Elizabeth said that we need to re-invigorate the initiative on implementing a local PACE program if it is to get on the ballot for March elections;2. Sue said that there does not appear to be enthusiasm locally for the program;3. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.	
13.10.07	Pawlet Town Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Group needs to review the energy section of the 2010 Town Plan and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting in November;2. It was suggested that the Group members research other town plans to find out what other Vermont towns are proposing.	All PEG members

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13.10.08 Next meeting Wednesday November 6, 2013 @ 12:00 noon
in the Pawlet Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary