

# TOWN OF PAWLET, VERMONT

## Energy Group Meeting

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### Meeting Notes

**Date and Time:** August 3, 2011 @ 12:00noon

**Location:** Pawlet Town Hall

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

**Members Present:** Gib Mach dgmach@vermontel.net  
**Absent:**

**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.

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.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Art on the Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To be held on Labor day weekend;</li><li>PEC to have a table at Town Hall with handouts for energy related information and brochures;</li><li>Need volunteer to set up and distribute.</li></ul>	
2.	CVPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentation of "Smart Grid" to be held in late fall or early spring;</li><li>PEC to alert the community of this program and encourage attendance.</li></ul>	All

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3.	Energy Programs	<p>PEC to begin thinking about a series of programs that can encourage community participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subjects related to energy efficiency;</li><li>• Venue – at monthly PEC meeting or other time;</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall would be a good venue now that the ceiling has been stabilized and handicapped accessible elevator has been installed.</li></ul>	All
4.	Neighbor Works	<p>Rich Dow of Neighbor Works of Western Vermont is available for talks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will come to the Town to talk about energy issues that affect homeowners;</li><li>• There was discussion of a good venue for such a talk;</li><li>• Suggestions included the TOP Planning Commission meeting or the Select Board meeting;</li><li>• The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Town Hall was suggested as meeting location;</li><li>• Elizabeth to get dates for the end of September or early October for Dow to come and speak;</li><li>• Notices to be put around town and in neighboring village newsletters to invite others interested and to make a larger event for the speaker;</li><li>• It was recommended that we find others who have used the energy incentive to speak.</li></ul>	All
5.	Town Energy Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effort continues to find recruit who is easy to work with and has deep interest in energy conservation issues;</li><li>• Candidate should have good internet skills.</li></ul>	All

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6.	Town Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Address is <a href="http://www.pawlet.vt.gov">www.pawlet.vt.gov</a></li><li>• Elizabeth will add a page for the Town of Pawlet Energy Committee;</li><li>• There is a link on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission website (<a href="http://www.rutlandrpc.org">www.rutlandrpc.org</a>) to the Town of Pawlet and all other towns in Rutland County;</li><li>• General data is available on the RRPC website, as well as downloads of the 2010 Town Plan (TOP website still links to the 2005 edition) and TOP Zoning Regulations;</li></ul>	
7.	Town Newsletter	Elizabeth has put an article in the newsletter on home initiatives.	
8.	Next Meeting	To be held at Town Hall on Wednesday September 7, 2011.	All

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary