

TOWN OF PAWLET, VERMONT

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: November 2, 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
Ken Friedman kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com
Members: 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.		The meeting began at 12:00 noon with a review of last month's meeting notes.	
2.	ToP Town Plan 2010	1. Elizabeth still needs to get the latest version of the 2010 Town Plan onto the Pawlet website. 2. Sue is still checking into who is the official keeper of the digital copy of the Town Plan.	EG SLP
3.	Committee Projects	1. Sue will contact CVPS to come for a seminar on the "Smart Grid" in January; 2. A "Button Up" workshop is scheduled for November 14 th ; 3. We need to target local residents to talk in a community meeting about their experiences in renewable energy projects;	SLP All All

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		4. Harry will contact Merke Forest to come to a community meeting to discuss wind power projects;	HVM
		5. We need to have a community meeting to discuss biomass as a fuel and how to burn more efficiently.	All
4.	Social Media	1. There was discussion about how to use social media to get our message out to the community and beyond. 2. Susan said that she will set up a PEG page on Facebook. 3. We will begin to post our PEG meeting minutes on the ToP website and on the Facebook page.	SLP
5.	Energy Audit	1. Rich Dow of Neighbor Works of Western Vermont came to speak at Town Hall and members of PEG attended. 2. A financial overview shows full payback of work done to existing structure at Town Hall in about 8 years with rebate from Energy VT. 3. The question was asked if part of the upgrade can be done and still be cost effective. 4. Sue had spoken to Rob Leary about fixing the thermostats and upgrading other items that would be within the allocated budget.	
6.	Button-up Workshop	1. Elizabeth said that the date has been advertised in the Rutland Herald and other papers to invite neighboring towns to come and participate. 2. Elizabeth said that flyers will be posted also to bring further awareness to the community and surrounding areas about the workshop.	

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7.	Next Meeting	To be held at Town Hall on Wednesday December 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon.	All

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary