

Town of Pawlet, Vermont

Energy Group Meeting

Meeting Notes

Date and Time: Wednesday December 5, 2012 @ 12:00 noon at Town Hall

Location: Pawlet Town Hall

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

Members Absent: None

Other in Attendance: None

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.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
12.12.1	Agenda for today's meeting	Discuss the proposal to make Pawlet a PACE town.	
12.12.2	PACE process	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cintia said that the Vermont Energy Investment Corp has financial problems and may not have funds to support PACE;2. Ken said that it is unclear where the pool of money is to support the program;3. It was noted that the PACE funding of projects for the homeowner is based upon a	

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		percentage of the home value and what type of projects can actually be done with the limited funds;	
		4. Ken suggested that we prepare a list of projects with relevant costs to give to Pawlet residents to give them an idea of what is possible with the funds made available by PACE;	PEG
12.12.3	Follow up on questions raised	1. Sue will call Jim Salsgiver to get more info on how PACE is funded;	SLP
		2. Cintia will call NeighborWorks for similar info;	CM
		3. Elizabeth will contact Efficiency Vermont	EG
12.12.4	PEG PACE objective	1. Elizabeth said that our task is to make the Town of Pawlet a PACE town;	
		2. Deb Hawkins advised that PEG needs to petition the Select Board, which will need 50 – 60 signatures of residents;	
		3. Petition needs to be submitted by the second week of January 2013 (on or before Jan. 14 th);	
		4. Deb gave the Group a sample petition.	
12.12.5	Energy audits	1. There was a short discussion about the energy audits that were done for the Town Hall and the Library last year;	
		2. Proposals have been submitted to do the work;	
		3. Sue will bring the issue to the Select Board at the December 17 th meeting.	SLP

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12.12.6	Efficiency Vermont competition	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There was a brief discussion about the state-wide energy challenge to see which towns can get the most energy projects completed;2. Information is available on the NeighborWorks website;3. Residents can apply for energy audits through NeighborWorks of Western Vermont and need a copy of their utility bill and a check for \$100;4. The question was asked about source of rebate money – are they from state funds?	
12.12.7	Next meeting	Wednesday January 9, 2013 @ 12:00 noon at Pawlet Town Hall	

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary