

# Town of Pawlet, Vermont

## Energy Group Meeting

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### Meeting Notes

**Date and Time:** Wednesday January 9, 2013 @ 12:00 noon at Town Hall

**Location:** Pawlet Town Hall

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

**Members Absent:** Cintia Morrissey [amiconst@gmail.com](mailto:amiconst@gmail.com)

**Other in Attendance:** Maura Campbell of NeighborWorks [mcampbell@nwwvt.org](mailto:mcampbell@nwwvt.org)  
Beth Kashner from Pawlet Library – part time [exlibris007@gmail.com](mailto:exlibris007@gmail.com)

**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>
13.01.01	Agenda for today's meeting	Continue the discussion of the proposal to create a PACE district of the Town of Pawlet	
13.01.02	PACE Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Email from Paul Markowitz said that financing not yet secured for this year;</li><li>2. Discussed putting off petition for creating PACE district until next year in light of funding issue.</li></ol>	

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13.01.03	Follow up PACE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. SLP said that the PACE district needs to be put in the Town Plan of 2015, should it be approved;</li><li>2. There are to be a few more workshops this year discussing PACE programs;</li><li>3. KF stated that it was unclear from Efficiency Vermont's website what kind of programs were eligible under PACE;</li><li>4. KF said that the website is not user friendly – see KF's email of 12/18/12;</li><li>5. Efficiency Vermont provides technical support of financing for PACE projects;</li><li>6. KF asked if we can set up our petition electronically with signatures obtained electronically – he will check with Deb Hawkins to see if this can be done in Pawlet;</li><li>7. It was decided that the Energy Group will focus on the Home Energy Challenge this year instead of PACE – see Neighborworks discussion below.</li></ol>	HVM          KF
13.01.04	NeighborWorks	Maura Campbell joined the meeting to discuss energy challenges and the role of NW in helping Towns meet challenge goals.	
13.01.05	Rehab Loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. MC said that loans are available up to \$15,000 from NW, which are income-dependent, at a present 4.99% payable over 10 years, with no payments for the first 6 months;</li><li>2. Rehab challenge of 2012 put Pawlet in 4<sup>th</sup> place in Rutland County with 15 completed projects from a goal of 24 (63%);</li><li>3. A Vermont Home Energy Challenge Conference and Training Session is being held this weekend at Norwich University – no one from the Energy Group is available – MC left a copy of the agenda;</li><li>4. Challenge is for 80,000 homes in Vermont</li></ol>	

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		(3% of total homes in the state) to be weatherized by the year 2020; 5. To meet the goal in Pawlet 20 homes will need to be weatherized per year for the next 7 years; 6. MC is the coordinator for Pawlet and several other towns.	
13.01.06	Weatherization	1. Focus is on attic and basement sealing and insulation; 2. Wall insulation and infiltration are important elements, but hard to do in many old homes; 3. Use of infrared cameras and positive pressure show that greatest heat loss is from basements and attics 4. PEG would like to have MC make a public presentation and discussion at the Library; 5. Beth Kashner said that she will set up a program, MC to email Beth to set up a date; 6. MC said that NW will perform free home energy audit resulting in a report which includes estimated cost of the work.	
13.01.07	Sign up for Home Energy Challenge	1. Sign-up is available on the Efficiency Vermont website; 2. SLP will sign up Pawlet online.	SLP
13.01.08	Pawlet Buildings Weatherized	1. SLP indicated that the Pawlet Town Hall and Library have had energy audits; 2. SLP said that the audit report for the Library is available from Cintia Morrissey.	
13.01.09	Next meeting	Wednesday February 6, 2013 @ 12:00 noon at Pawlet Town Hall	

Submitted by:

Harry Van Meter, Recording Secretary