

Craftsbury Energy Committee
Minutes: Sept. 18, 2014

Meeting started at 7: 25 pm

Attending: Amelia Fritz, Ned Houston, Kevin Gregoire, Lisa Sammet

1. Ribbon Cutting debriefing: the event was attended by about 50 people, we had great press coverage including the front page of the Hardwick Gazette and the Orleans County Record, first page of second section of the Barton Chronicle. Lisa will send a correction about the installer to the Gazette and Chronicle.
2. Kevin Gregoire has been trying to arrange for a representative from the VT Electric Coop to come talk about their plan for a Community Solar project.
3. Planning for the FALL SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WALK/BIKE:

On Sunday, Oct. 5th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Three sites in walking distance will be visited. Attendees should meet and park at The Music Box, 147 Creek Rd.

The schedule is to visit these sites: At 1:30 PM: 1:30 pm: Lisa Sammet's solar passive house design (The Music Box); 2:15 pm: The Town Solar Tracker at the Town Garage (Creek Rd.); 3:00 pm: The Flints home next to the Craftsbury GeneralStore. They had a big weatherization project –tightening up and insulating the home. Find out about their experience and savings; and After that, interested people can walk/bike/drive to Kevin Gregoire's off the grid home off of King Farm Rd.
4. Craftsbury Outdoor Center has invited the CEC to a private tour of all of their energy-related projects. Amelia will contact them to set up a time.
5. Next project: Beautification project suggested by Amelia Fritz
 - Plant spring bulbs in several locations around Craftsbury
 - Partner with other Craftsbury organizations to do this
 - Amelia has meeting at the United Church and will bring this up
 - Find an energy connection
6. Amelia brought up a contact with Ben Walsh of VPIRG about a new type of heat pump
 - This would be a good fall program
 - VPIRG wants Energy Committees to get people to know about using heat pumps
7. Energy Committee could make up an informational flyer about what incentives there are currently for homeowners to use to make sustainability changes on their home that can be handed out at Town Meeting and other events.
8. Two Craftsbury residents have gotten in touch to do walk-through energy audits:
 - Matt Bacon
 - Addie King
9. Town Hall: we need to follow up on doing work on this building for conservation
 - Get data on how much energy the Town Hall is using
 - With Tracker we can get their monthly energy use
 - There are possible conservation savings
 - Perhaps ask Walt Gutzman to look at the building with the Fire Departments infrared camera

10. Next steps in 2015

-Solar on salt shed at Town Garage

-Solar for school using Green Mtn. Power's Good Neighbor Fund: we should get on the School Board Agenda to talk about this

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Minutes submitted by Lisa Sammet, Secretary CEC