

## **Charlotte Energy Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/8/11 – 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Hans O'Hanian, Suzy Hodgson, David Pill, Michelle Lussier

Meeting minutes of the May meeting were not approved; action delayed to the July meeting. Michelle was appointed secretary to take meeting minutes.

1. Hans made a motion to assign secretarial duties to those not attending the previous meeting to encourage attendance. Motion discussed and turned down; duties should be equally divided among members.
2. Energy monitors have been installed at the Town Hall and now need programming. Suzy planned to provide the manuals to Jennifer for programming. Hans proposed to label the monitors "Do Not Remove" in order to discourage handling or theft.
3. EPA Community Challenge – 10% energy savings on Town Buildings. The committee feels this is easily achievable, with no costs involved in this challenge. Suzy will pursue a signed commitment from the Selectboard to join this challenge.
4. Hans researched that the Town of Hinesburg zoning regulations now include requirements that new construction meet the Energy Star ratings. This requires two visits from Efficiency Vermont filling out a scorecard; that scorecard then must be submitted to the Town for a Certificate of Occupancy indicating efficiency levels have been met. Committee discussed opportunities to use this same method in the re-writing of the efficiency portion of the Town Plan. David will contact Efficiency Vermont about a joint presentation to the Planning Commission and Energy Committee in order to consider Town Plan opportunities.
5. PACE Discussion: Hans made the following recommendations if Charlotte considers adopting the PACE program:
  - a. compliance with the Department of Energy
  - b. new present value must be positive
  - c. homeowners should be educated about other financing options
  - d. VEIC financing should be capped at federal interest + 1% maximum
6. Other: The VT Public Service Board is currently rewriting a comprehensive energy plan for the state. David introduced the Architecture 2030 program, currently pushing to ensure all new buildings be net zero by 2030. This program is presenting to the Public Service Board in hopes that this may be written into Vermont's State Energy Plan. This is currently adopted by CA, CO and CT is currently looking aggressively at it.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.