

## Charlotte Energy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2011

Attending: Hans Ohanian, Jennifer Chiodo, Michelle Lussier, Anne Biur, Suzy Hodgson, Catherine Hughes

1. Minutes from December 8, 2010 were approved.
2. The town is planning to install wireless internet access which will enable internet use by meeting attendees and allow the CETF to upload minutes. Hans noted that minutes have not been uploaded for six months. Suzy indicated that she has uploaded the minutes, but they don't show up on the website.
3. David – is following up on Town Hall energy project punch list
4. Jennifer to follow up with Dean and Vt. Mechanical on the needed upgrades and pricing. Catherine suggested that once things are finalized have a training session and info sheet on how the system works with the staff of the town offices and service providers. Does a sequence of operations need to be provided for both VMI and Patterson to follow?
5. TED Google monitors (4) will be installed in Sr. Center, Town Hall, Library and circulating among homes that had energy audits. These will be used to educate people and to review energy use.
6. Reviewed the equipment left on in the Town Hall. CETF will look at opportunities to help people better control the end use loads. CETF to look at switched outlets.
7. VPIRG community organizing model for renewable energy presentation discussed. Transition Town is interested; energy task force to request transition town to organize a presentation.
8. PACE – Hans presented a reading list on PACE and suggested a decision matrix for use in deciding how to proceed on PACE. DOE states that Towns are not supposed to approve projects that do not have positive net present value. An idea is to approach the banks to see if they want to create a loan fund. Hans is going to speak with VEIC on interest rates. Selectboard would like the energy committee to explore alternatives to PACE.
9. Next meeting is March 9<sup>th</sup>.