

Energy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

7 PM at Town Hall

In Attendance: Jennifer Chiodo, Catherine Hughes, Michelle Lussier, Anne Bijur, Hans Ohanian, and Suzy Hodgson

Suzy Hodgson appointed as secretary to the meeting.

The committee discussed projects, planning, and priority areas for the next year.

Jennifer mentioned the ACEE (American Council for Efficient Economy) conference she attended. The committee discussed future guest speakers and that the DPS may have extra ARRA funds in a revolving loan fund.

- **Dark Skies** – The Committee decided to form a subcommittee including Jennifer Chiodo, Catherine Hughes, and Michelle Lussier. They will report back to the full committee. Discussion covered finding allies, having a star party, assessing the extent of problem, perception differences, and the need to identify bright “hot” spots with a light meter, and how to make dark skies the social norm.
ACTION - Catherine to follow up with GMP contact as likely ally.
- **Energy Monitors** – TED 5000 to monitor electricity usage
ACTION Suzy to contact certified electricians to install in Town Hall and Senior Center.
- **PACE** – approved by VT legislature and now part of VT Energy Bill. Given size of Charlotte and possible administrative burden, it was agreed that Charlotte should **wait and watch** what happens in other towns. The Committee decided to summarize a list of concerns and **submit a brief review of PACE to the Select Board at the end of the year (Dec 2011)**
ACTION Anne to circulate highlights of the Energy Bill.
- **Residential Energy Codes** – VT has code but lack of enforcement is an issue.
ACTION Hans to check what neighboring towns have implemented (eg Hinesburg)

Submitted

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