

DEC 2/15/10

Attending: Sam, Chris, Bob, Bill, Alex, Jerelyn

Guests: Craig Stead, Tom Simon

Absent: Diana, Suzanne,

Notes 2/15/10

1. Review agenda

2. Approval of 1/4/09 meeting minutes – Jerelyn

Postpone till next meeting – will approve both sets Jan and Feb

2. a. Tom Simon – Coop Power

Greenfield Coop Power will break ground on biodiesel facility this summer; Karen Robero is CEO and president; Model to duplicate their effort to form local organizing councils (parent-child relationship) gives support till the effort gets off the ground; Mission is to build renewable, sustainable community-based power; through membership fees raise capital to use as financing projects;

Tom is founding the Southern Vermont Coop power; currently have 24 members; 75% of membership fee goes toward equity fund, 25% goes to sustaining the organization; \$975 is membership with a \$25 annual fee; there is a \$500 rate for families with an income under \$30K; can offer discounts to services and products; member-to-member program to support coordination of effort in installing solar systems;

We offered to have Tom's brochures at the DEC table at Town Meeting

2. b. Craig

No source of funding for energy audits; Tom suggested calling Jim Matteau and making a case for having missed it and a compelling case for how important it is for moving to the next steps;

3. Covered bridge lighting update - Alex

Looks like lights will ship in the next week

We need to get feedback right away to the Select Board gable end light and the diffusers; Alex will communicate to folks inviting them to gather when the lights are installed.

4. Ben & Jerry's grant - Chris or Alex (in Suzanne's absence)

Received \$500 check – Sam to leave check and note for Laurie

Next steps for signage about no-idling resolution

Chris to identify locations

Suzanne to have signs made - like the simpler sign, but want upper and lower case in the title; Idle-free has a hyphen;

Consider getting quotes and then ask Dennis Tier if he can do the job;

5. DEC table at Town Meeting - Sam

Info on PACE program – Sam to print off the website; Alex will print out his energy column;

Bill to have computer with DEC website; ask about larger monitor Coop power brochures – Tom to get brochures to Sam

Top-10 tips for energy savings

Bill's CD's for sale as fundraiser

Kilowatt meters

To staff table: Sam, Bill, Diana for the first hour, maybe Bob, maybe Suzanne

6. DEC website - Bob

Bob will put link to Coop Power

7. Report on Efficiency Vermont conference - Alex

Good conference

8. Upcoming meetings

Meeting about energy at Brattleboro Food Co-op

Sustainable Brattleboro – met with Matt Dunn

9. New business

Tom offered idea of Coop Power coordinating with Energy Committees doing weatherization projects

Next DEC meeting is April 5th