

TOWN OF WINDHAM  
ENERGY COMMISSION  
Minutes of Monday October 27, 2014

**Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Present: Jean de Smet - Chair, Elizabeth Ostwald, Grace Adams, Alex Girshick, and Corey Krohn.

**Citizens and Delegations** - None

**Minutes:** Minutes of September 22, 2014 meeting were approved with small corrections.

**Planning for the Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Event:** Members discussed giving awards, and how to choose who to give awards to. Considered giving to everyone, drawing names like in a door prize, also the difficulty of choosing between large projects which are well-financed vs smaller achievements which are larger within their context. Invitations to the event include an “ask” for suggestions for names. Also have suggestions from OEEB and NSL. Categories might include: big business, small business, energy conservation, alternative energy. Need to make the awards, or purchase gift certificates. Members looked at the logos and voted and tied on 3, with a 4<sup>th</sup> coming close. Decided to let people vote on the 10<sup>th</sup>, since we no longer need it before the event for the shirts. We’ll blow them up and vote. Speakers: Grace on HES-IE, Liz on solar, Alex and/or CEFIA on lease programs, Corey is to ask Mike Callahan and Mike Dejarnais (ECSU facilities), James will ask Arvind Shaw about the Generations geo-thermal. Perhaps someone to give a testimonial on DMS: Jean had possibilities.

Allow people to go into small groups to give ECommissioners their input on problems, good feedback.

Vendors: James to invite CEFIA, OEEB, Sagewell, NSL, and any local contractors that do this work, like Ives Bros., insulators, solar installers.

Press Release: Jean

NSL, Sagewell, OEEB will send emails. N2N list from Clean Water went out via email, but 60 bounces. James will have Gulemo mail the rest.

Ad: \$150 set aside for ad in paper. May need more, or may drop it.

Food: ~ 30 people. Ask Main St Café, Hosmer soda, cupcakes. Gluten free, vegetarian options.

Posters: Signs Plus can print. James will get prices for POs. Jean will look for press releases, all to look for photos.

Will use extra money to purchase kill-o-watt meters to put into library.

Website: Pat will have a mock-up to show some progress and allow for input.

Need to meet again: Special meeting next week to wrap up details.

**Discussion of role of EC in decision-making:** Decision was made to not fight about the shirt veto, although members were frustrated that an arbitrary decision was made without any discussion with the Commission. Jean met with Neal, who asked us to submit a proposed budget for 2015 so that he can put grant or award money into a line item in our name.

**Micro-Grid Report:** Micro-grid committee has not sent out the RFP yet.

**EV Station:** EV Charging Station on schedule to install in mid Nov.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted by Jean de Smet