

Windham Energy Commission

May 13, 2013 Minutes

In Attendance: Jean de Smet, Alex Girshick, Grace Adams, Mike Altschul, Kate Donnelly, Corey Krohn, James Finger

Synopsis of Meeting

Commission spent the first hour updating on Solarize and about upcoming events. Spent remaining time discussing outreach efforts by identifying homes and other current programs.

Details

Minutes approved from April 22nd 2013.

Update on Solarize

Received notes from students thanking us for the Solarize Contest. Have leftover cupcake gift certificates, use at Third Thursday to give people at the table? C-Tech has 18 signed contracts and almost 300 leads. Riverfest table is good for May 18th. Third Thursday: C-Tech will be there, could use 1 more person for May 16th. The May 22nd workshop is cancelled. Workshop in Mansfield was OK. Eastern's workshop was a disappointing as only one person and one student showed. Willimantic Farmer's Market table for June 1st needs 1 person. June 4th Mansfield workshop moved to Town Hall? Kate will check.

Identifying Homes

Mike Altschul has been using houses with existing solar panels to find potential other homes for solar. He is cross referencing house numbers against assessor data list to get names. Aspen Place neighborhood ready to be door knocked. Mike will get us info. Cherry Lane and Oxbow Drive are potential other streets for door knocking.

Benchmarking

Would like to find someone to do this for us. New program for benchmarking due out in June from the EPA. Could have Grace learn how the program works so that she can do benchmarking for us.

Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge

4545 worth of credits are being used from energy challenge to go towards Solar LED lamp at Memorial Park. Have to schedule the ceremony for the Neighbor to Neighbor energy challenge to receive check.

Third Thursday in June could hold ribbon cutting/ receive check for Neighbor to Neighbor Challenge.

Solar Tax Breaks

50% fee waiver from C-Tech on building permit for Solar Panels in Willimantic through the Solarize program. Contracts need to be signed by July 12th 2013 and completed by December 31st 2013.

C-PACE

C-PACE Providing \$10,000 as a grant to help support the program. Application for grant due by May 31st 2013. May have to hire someone to help run marketing effort. James will come up with a draft application for grant.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45pm