

**Moretown Energy Group
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, Sept 21, 2010**

Karen Horn chair, convened the meeting at approximately 6:10 pm.

Present were Caroline Strauss, John Schmeltzer, Dick Valentinetti, Michael Morelli, Maxine Grad.

Karen gave attendees information about Moretown's aggregate energy consumption which was developed by Efficiency Vermont and is available on the Vermont Energy Atlas, www.vtenergyatlas.org. The information is also attached to these minutes. Members briefly discussed this being useful information to start a revision of the energy elements of the Moretown Town Plan.

The committee discussed ways to implement the recommendations of the energy audits by Building Energy that were prepared under contract with Central Vermont Regional Commission. Comprehensive energy audits were conducted for the town offices, fire station and library. Reports were included with the notice of the Sept. 21 meeting and are also available from Karen. Each audit includes recommendations for short and long term solutions for reducing utility costs and the carbon footprint of the building in question. For instance, the most significant improvements for the town office would be:

Insulate attic and air seal gaps	\$4,000
Insulate building walls to R-12	\$1,200
Air seal in main part of building	\$ 480
TOTAL	\$5,680

Replace T12 4' fluorescent bulbs and magnetic blasts newLIGHT program rebates available before December 31, 2010. The rebates are designed to give a one year payback on the investment. T12 Bulbs unavailable after July 14, 2012.

The Central Vermont Regional Commission will have some funding from the federal Department of Energy to assist with jobs such as weather stripping, insulating and air sealing. They expect to distribute those funds to member towns on a per capita basis. Current expectations are that Moretown would be eligible for approximately \$5,000.

Committee members discussed finding the funding to complete the recommendations for the Town Offices first. They also discussed the option of using the savings in energy costs to fund subsequent weatherization efforts. Karen stated she would put together a proposal for review by the committee that could subsequently be put before the capital budget committee/planning commission and selectboard.

The committee discussed upcoming meetings of interest. Karen said she would attend the Wind Farming Question and Answer session on September 21 in Waitsfield. The 350.org celebration

is on October 10, 2010 world wide and there are a number of events planned in the Mad River Valley. December 4 at the VT Technical College is the municipal energy committees' conference sponsored by VECAN.

Caroline updated the committee on her work with Mr. Berthiaum's class and plans for a unit working with town energy committees in November.

A next meeting date was not set pending a proposal development for the planning commission and selectboard.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Horn

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