

Moretown Energy Group
July 25, 2012
Moretown Town Hall
Minutes

Present: Karen Horn Chair, Maxine Grad, Jonathan Siegel, Jay Pilliod, Bridgette Remington.

Invitees: Paul Markowitz, Community Energy Programmer, Efficiency Vermont.

Karen called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 pm.

Attendees discussed the funds that are available for weatherization materials only in the Town Offices, the Fire Station and the Library. The \$8,925 are from a Department of Energy Grant and must be expended by Nov. 1, 2012. Karen agreed to ask the regional commission, which is the grantee, about the possibility of using some of the dollars at the Town Hall inasmuch as they will not be used at the Town Offices or the fire station.

Paul discussed new initiatives at Efficiency Vermont that are oriented toward municipal energy committees and encouraging efficiency measures in towns. One such program is the Vermont Home Weatherization Challenge, which will launch on January 1 and will be a competition among towns to get the most homes weatherized in a year.

Attendees discussed that Moretown is having an Irene anniversary celebration and will be having a 250 year celebration in the next year or so. These might be opportunities to get the word out about weatherization, lighting efficiency and other energy conservation programs.

The committee also discussed conducting an inventory of the street lights in Moretown and investigating the possibility of eliminating unnecessary lights and purchasing the lights for savings. Quite a few other towns have saved considerable amounts on their light electricity bills through this initiative.

The committee also discussed the new statewide building code for efficiency that was enacted this summer and ways to encourage builders to comply with its requirements – which would produce efficient homes, particularly in new construction.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Horn
August 21, 2012