

**Moretown Energy Group
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, August 3, 2010**

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

Present were Caroline Strauss, John Schmeltzer, Michael Morelli, Jonathan Siegel, Nancy Notterman, Maxine Grad, Tom Horn.

Attendees engaged in a lively discussion about the potential for industrial scale renewable energy projects in Moretown as well as community or individual scale projects where the energy generated might benefit Moretown directly. The discussion centered around evaluating each project on its own merits including assessment of finances as well as other values such as the sustainability of the source.

Attendees emphasized that the town's focus should be on ways to encourage self-sufficiency. A legitimate function for the energy committee and town would be to offer assistance and help disseminate site evaluation information. The town plan energy element should concentrate on conservation as the most effective efficiency strategy, while also establishing guidelines for the evaluation of renewable energy projects that would be proposed within the borders of the town. The Vermont Energy Atlas provides basic information on energy resources and site evaluation.

Nancy Notterman said that she has been working with VT Environmental Education Program (VEEP) and Jean Berthiaume, Sustainable Communities teacher at Harwood Union to engage student with their energy committees. The expectation is that in November students would work with their energy committees to address renewable energy and energy efficiency in their towns.

Karen told the group that the Public Service Department and Efficiency VT are working on updating construction standards for energy efficiency. These are actually requirements for construction in Vermont and municipalities may want to incorporate them in local bylaws or encourage/ inform contractors about them when they are doing work in Moretown.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Horn

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