

Energy Education Team
Minutes of the Meeting
January 3, 2012

Present: Coleen Spurlock (chair), Pene Williams, Don Hoyle, Fred Loxsom, Madeline Priest (Neighbor to Neighbor), Ginny Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by chair Coleen Spurlock.

The minutes from the December 13, 2011 were reviewed and accepted as amended.

Madeline lead the discussion to develop the ideas generated from the December meeting.

- a. For the video project that Kevin Donahue will be working on - Don will arrange an interview with the Shifrins. Kevin can interview Don, about his zero emissions house, and Fred, about an Eastern Connecticut State University solar collector experiment. Ginny can arrange access to the Gurleyville Grist Mill to include a historical perspective on water power's influence in developing the area. Pene can line up an interview with a neighbor living off the grid.
- b. For a school energy challenge – Coleen, Don, Pene and Ginny were agreeable to attend an initial meeting with teachers to learn about their ideas for a school challenge and discover how the Energy Education Team might play a supportive role. Madeline is working on setting up meeting dates.
- c. For an energy challenge between Mansfield and Windham – Since Windham is interested in challenging Mansfield, Madeline and Kevin will first attend a Windham Town Council meeting. Members were asked to attend the Mansfield Town Council meeting when Windham makes its official challenge.
- d. To create a flash mob – Madeline will orchestrate a dance for the group to practice for Earth Day. The place where this will be done will be determined at a future meeting.

Ginny will send out a press release about the January 11, 2012 Home Energy Basics presentation. Madeline passed out a flyer for members to post. Ginny said that the announcement will also be listed in the trash bill inserts.

Coleen reported that 38 people are registered for the transition town training on January 7 and 8, 2012 at the Mansfield Town Hall.

Ginny announced that a UConn Climate Impact, Mitigation and Adaptation program will be open to the public on March 27 at 7 pm in the Bishop Center. Pene suggested that the energy video be “unveiled” at the presentation. The Energy Education Team discussed making a short presentation on what they are doing.

Although, there have been no flyers circulated yet, Ginny asked members to keep Saturday, January 21, 2012 free for a regional energy task force meeting in the Mansfield Town Hall. Pene offered to make hot cider. The time has been tentatively set for 9 am to noon.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton