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Energy Education Team
Minutes of the Meeting
June 5, 2012

Present: Don Hoyle (acting chair), Madeline Priest (Neighbor to Neighbor), Kevin Donahue (Neighbor to Neighbor), Ginny Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by acting chair Don Hoyle.

The minutes from the March 6, 2012, April 3, 2012 and May 1, 2012 were reviewed.

Ginny stated that the money to fund heating oil conservation programs is about to disappear. During the June 12, 2012 special session, state legislators could extend funding for the heating oil conservation program. Committee members have been asked to e-mail their legislators about ensuring a continuation of the heating oil conservation incentives.

Madeline stated that Neighbor to Neighbor may be switching their promotion of the Home Energy Solutions program to the home performance program through Energy Star. Members were asked to contact Madeline with names of local contractors who might be interested in qualifying as a Energy Star vendor. During the Mansfield schools' April energy awareness month, Madeline and Kevin presented at each of the schools' assemblies and taught enrichment classes at Goodwin Elementary School.

Don stated that the Mansfield transition town group is planning potluck dinners at different locations to offer a social and educational component to the meetings. The next meeting will be held at the Mansfield Center General Store; another one will be at Martin Fox's house to learn about grid independent solar electricity. There was some discussion about disbanding the Energy Education Team due to lack of interest and having Neighbor to Neighbor work with the Mansfield transition town group.

Don reported that he attended the public hearing for the transmission lines that are proposed to cut through the Mansfield Hollow Dam. One of the considerations of this project is to place the lines underground, especially in the vicinity of schools and daycares.

A draft energy tips brochure was reviewed and some edits were recommended. Kevin will send out a revised brochure for the committee to review. The purpose of the brochure is to hand out at events.

It was suggested cancelling the July 3, 2012 meeting. In its place Kevin will organize a neighborhood canvassing for the end of June or beginning of July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton