

WE3C Minutes 12/4/12, 7:00 pm, Third Floor Conf. Rm., Town Hall

Present: Ken Mirvis, chair, Stephane Acel-Green, co-chair, Lauri Murphy, Charlie Bering, Matt Riegert, Meredith Fields

Absent: Doug Denny-Brown, Terese Hammerle, Brian Hebeisen, Raeleen Parsons

1. Minutes approved, 11/14/12 mtg.
2. Matt Riegert and Janet Buck have sent letters of intent to the town manager to become official WE3C members.
3. WISE (Watertown Initiative to Save Energy) information appeared in the Tab last week. Ken will request the press-release article appear this week. Ken reported that John Massie from NSL (Next Step Living) is working on outreach via the town website, and is contacting Arsenal for the Arts, WCES, Community Gardens. He will be reporting to Peter Brooks about progress in getting requests for home energy audits and doing weatherizations. He requests that WE3C members let him know of any contacts they have in local organizations that may be helpful for outreach. His email is john.massie@nextsteplivinginc.com.
4. Sustainability website: Gideon Schreiber has updated the town website though it is not yet accessible except through a link that Stephane will forward to us to review.
5. Green Communities Clean Energy Strategies grant: Raeleen has sent a letter of intent to apply for the grant of \$125,000. If we were chosen, Watertown would be a pilot town for the study of clean energy installation opportunities. There was discussion of what opportunities might exist for Watertown to create "shovel-ready" projects in this geographically small, densely populated town. An example would be the potential advantage of short transmission for solar PV. The project would require dedicated staff from the town. WE3C will act in an advisory capacity working with Raeleen and Steve Magoon. Ken will contact Steve.
6. Public education: Ken and Charlie have invited Dave Arnold and Dan Grossman to speak on climate change. Charlie will find out about availability of the library for a date in early March. It is hoped that NSL might provide honoraria to the speakers. Once a title and date for the event have been settled, we will work on publicity.
7. Energy Expo with Chamber of Commerce: Janet is contacting Bob Airasian of the Chamber to find out more about the recent Expo in Newton, possible sponsors, etc. Ken and Matt will try to attend the annual Watertown Chamber holiday party.
8. Articles for publication: Ken has revised his column on his experience installing new boilers and will submit it to the Tab. He encourages other members of the committee to quickly draft brief articles about WE3C-related topics that interest

them and forward them to him for editing. Topics mentioned include composting, programmable thermostats, CFL's, rainbarrels.

9. Raeleen has suggested to Ken that we consider inviting Leo Sullivan of Global Montello Group to a WE3C meeting for an informational presentation on community electricity aggregation and kilowatt purchasing.

10. Future meetings scheduled: Mondays, 7:00 pm-- Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Fields