

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee
Tuesday, 4/26/16, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Linda Gray, Suzanne Leiter, Norm Levy
Guest: Jonathan Teller-Elsberg (Solaflect)

Discussion of plans for 5/5 Solarize event at the Norwich Inn: review of invitations to those who are considering solar and those who have solar, AV plans, and menu selection.

Consensus that the incentive for completed solar site visits will be 2 LEDs; OK if a household ends up with 4 (from completed site visits with BOTH installers). Norm will deliver a supply of LEDs to the installers.

Workshop on "comprehensive home energy" w/ HEAT Sq, Efficiency VT, GMP and our solar installers is in the works for 6/7 evening at the Montshire. Linda will contact other area energy committees about cosponsoring and publicizing.

Updates...

- EV charging station: electrician bids came in higher than expected; Interim Town Mgr Phil Dechert investigating whether this relates to an equipment mark-up that we can resolve, or to an unavoidable cost increase. It's possible to seek additional funds from the state, if necessary.
- draft rule on net-metering: public hearings are 5/4 and 5 in Montpelier, comments can be submitted through 5/12. Both Linda and Norm are asking for updates from VECAN regarding their comments, and will circulate.
- the Upper Valley Energy Roundtable will be 5/3 at the Montshire, 5 pm
- Norm described initiatives on weatherization and solar with Twin Pines Housing Trust, focusing on Star Lake Village in Norwich.

The May meeting falls on 5/24, and Linda and Suzanne will be away. Given that it is in the middle of the Solarize campaign, there was agreement to cancel this meeting and communicate important items via email.

The next meeting will be 6/28. Linda will ask a staff person at the Public Service Dept whether she might attend to give an overview of solar electricity in Vermont.