

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Monday, 4/3/17, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Norman Levy, Suzanne Leiter

Guests: Bill Chidsey (visiting from Newport)

-Weatherize Upper Valley

A. Assigned members to promote campaign at Norwich Transfer Station (Dump) for remaining Saturdays in April: April 8, 15, 22 Bill Chidsey; April 28 Suzanne Leiter. Bill has to confirm availability. Others on committee can offer to assist on Bill's dates if he is unavailable, or as second member

B. Assigned committee members as mentors to new entries to the People Tracker spreadsheet. Members should check the People Tracker to see who you have been assigned to mento

-Low Income solar array adjacent to Starlake Village

Norwich Technologies recently met with representatives of Twin Pines Housing Trust and representatives of Norwich Associates, owners of land adjacent to Starlake Village, to discuss the siting of a solar array on the adjacent property. Discussions were positive, but final plan has not yet been agreed upon. If the project is finalized, residents of Starlake and residents in Twin Pines rental units in Vermont will receive reduced cost renewable electricity with no out of pocket expense.

-Fire District Solar plans

At the 2017 Norwich Fire District annual meeting, residents of the District approved a proposal that the Prudential Committee evaluate the siting of a solar array on Fire District land. Discussions with Norwich Technologies are in progress. If approved, the Fire District would receive either 25 years of solar array generated electricity sufficient to cover its yearly usage, or lease payments for the use of the land.

-New England Grassroots Environment Fund (NEGEF) grant.

NEGEF offers annual grants focussed on promoting energy efficiency and supporting local energy committees. Grants are up to \$3500. Grant submission deadline for 2017 has been extended to **April 15th**. Ideas for the grant were discussed, but no decisions reached. If interested, members should (quickly) review the grant guidelines and application form, and submit application draft proposals to members for evaluation.

-New members

The need for new members was again discussed. All members were encouraged to seek out possible candidates.

-Online National Carbon Pricing Seminar, April 5th, 7PM

Access information distributed to members

-Next meeting Tuesday, April 25th, 7PM, Tracy Hall

Submitted by Norman Levy