

Meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee Tuesday, 5/23, 7 pm, Tracy Hall

Attending: Linda Gray, Suzanne Leiter

Guests: Bill Chidsey; Herb Durfee, Town Manager; Susan Hardy; Troy McBride, Norwich Technologies; Jonathan Teller-Elsberg, Solaflect Energy

Introductions and review of NEC past activities and future plans.

Weatherize Upper Valley/Norwich:

- campaign ends 5/31 (but homeowners can go past that deadline as needed in order to have 2 weeks to review contractor proposals)
- NEC members to contact homeowners to offer advice after they have proposals in hand
- Suzanne will participate in 5/24 Team phone meeting

Solarize 2017

- pricing: Solaflect tracker now \$19,900 (+\$700) with greater production, so better price per kWh produced; Norwich Technologies proposes a base tier price of \$3.49/W for 2017, compared to \$3.64 in 2016
- off-site options: Solaflect may have no option, will know before the campaign starts in August; Norwich Technologies will have off-site options
- August through October seems workable to all
- agreement to do another event(s) as we did at NHS in 2016, outreach at the dump and at Day & Whit's
- new ideas: tax bill insert (IF worded broadly w/o commercial references); info table at Tracy Hall when taxes are due in August - w/ info on PACE financing option; pre-campaign info at Krusi/Harris house during NHS garden tour (they have a Solaflect unit); get current solar homeowners to post on the EAN Energy Dashboard; Solar float in the parade during the Norwich Fair; sun symbols on sticks on the Norwich Green to highlight the 200+ solar homes in town (time to match up with a concert in August)?

Other:

- discussion of possible role by NEC in promoting home composting; town transfer station must accept organics as of 7/1

Next meeting scheduled for 6/27.

submitted by Linda Gray