

DORSET ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 8/8/13

Municipal Office

PRESENT; Jim Salsgiver, Ellen Maloney, Rob Gaiotti, Tyler Yandow

PACE : VEIC has sent revised documents for execution by participating towns. Jim and Rob found no significant differences between the new documents and those already approved by the Select Board. The new ones will be recommended to the Select Board for re-signing.

Jim S. prepared a proposed newspaper article to go out to the press to publicize the availability of the PACE loan applications. The committee discussed what contact persons to offer for people in Dorset and Manchester who might want to inquire further.. Ellen to ask Lee Krohn if he would be willing to serve as a contact person for Manchester. Rob and Jim S. will be named as contact persons for Dorset.

Jim S. Will prepare a list of local, qualified home energy auditors to offer people who are interested. The initial subscription period is to begin on September 1. (The end date for the first period is not yet known.)Rob or Jim will notify the Town Auditors of this new step as a courtesy. A PACE education/planning session will be offered by the energy committee for local home energy auditors and contractors so that they are prepared to help their clients through the process.

SOLID WASTE: Zero Sort recycling is now in effect for the Northshire (E. Dorset)Transfer Station and new signage is already in place. Explanations are available on the Casella website as well as in literature available at the booth at the transfer station. The Town newsletter will also include an explanation.

The next Hazardous Waste Collection will take place at the Dorset School OCT 12th

THE DORSET SCHOOL: The solar panel project did not work out. The expectations of the solar contractor and investor group were beyond what the school felt it could commit to.

HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY/SAVINGS:

Efficiency Vermont is again offering Weatherization Skillsshops. These are particularly targeted to Do-It-Yourselfers. Venue will be BBA, Sept 14th, 9am to 3pm. Cost: \$25 incl. lunch and guidebook. Info. and Registration at www.encyvermont.com/DIY

The Button Up Vermont!Day of Action is supported by VCAN and scheduled for Oct. 5.

Heat pumps (500) are being made available by Green Mountain Power for lease as a pilot program. They are now adapted to colder climates and function down to F -13 degrees. They are supposed to deliver very substantial fuel savings.

Respectfully, Ellen Maloney (Additions and amendments are welcomed.)