

Cavendish Energy Committee Minutes January 14, 2015

Present: Rich Svec, Peter LaBelle, Mary Ormrod, Karen Wilson and Cheryl Leiner.

Meeting called to order at 1:05 PM. Minutes of December meeting approved.

Rich began by reporting that ResTec had fired up the remaining two inverters and that the Cavendish Solar Array is up and running. Some signage is needed at the site and will be put up prior to public opening. At the present time we have not received a final invoice for the project but Rich stated that the total will be well within budget. ResTec is in the process of installing the Selectria software that will be available to access the solar array statistics on the internet.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on either February 9th or 10th. The site will be accessible from roads at the Transfer Station and the Water Treatment Plant. Invitations will be sent out along with press releases and requests for coverage from Vermont television. Light refreshments will be served at the Cavendish Town Office following the ceremony. The cost will be covered by either asking the Select Board or using discretionary town funds.

The payments for the array are now being done through interim financing. When appropriate, we will consider looking at the interest rates for permanent financing with the Bond Bank and other banks. The Clean Energy Grant will be utilized.

Dan is working on "Vermontivate".

Our next workshop on Heat Pumps will be held on February 12, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office. Presenters will be Prudent Living and Bright Light Electric.

Peter suggested doing a Workshop on Micro-Hydro production of energy. There are companies available to do presentations. It will be necessary to check on Vermont State Regulations regarding river and stream use.

A workshop will be scheduled for early Spring regarding composting and Vermont's new regulations. Cheryl will contact Philip Hammond, a Master

Composter, who has agreed to do a presentation. Rich will contact Mary O'Brien regarding composting containers.

Peter and Mary have been working on the Energy portion of the Cavendish Town Plan. It includes goals, policies, and recommendations and must be consistent with the Town Plan. The Planning Commission will meet on February 4, 2015.

Mary suggested that we establish a Face Book page and/or have some means of providing information regarding the Cavendish Energy Committee's functions to the public.