BEC Mtg – 6/20/13 – DRAFT

Present: Matt Sharpe, Matt Mancini, Bob Donnis

We had a great time sitting at the picnic table outside the entrance to the town offices in the cool early evening temp (conf room was taken).

Discussion:

LED Street Lights – "GO" Letter to GMP was sent to Bill Bryant a while ago. No action at the time of the meeting.

Update:

Letter was sent to GMP on 6/24 by Bill
I asked GMP if there was anything else we needed. – ans no.
GMP asked if we wanted to order all the lights all at once – I answered yes because GMP had previously stated that other towns were ordering now as well and I did not want to get back ordered. I also asked that they start the installations as soon as the first shipment arrives, ie don't wait until they are all in.
I asked Josh at EVT if there is anything else we need to do. Ans: No
Also asked if the installation goes into 2014 (doubt it) would EVT still honor the committed depreciation funds: Ans: Yes.
Reported all this to Bill.
Update: GMP reports the LED Lights should arrive in the next few weeks. I will touch base with GMP weekly.
PACE – EVT announced that $1,000,000 has been committed to PACE by the National Bank of Middlebury . This the first bank to do so. The first subscription period may be Aug or Sep. EVT is planning a video conference soon – I am on the invite list and will send it to all of you for your participation as well. I will blow the dust off the Select Board presentation and get the latest contract language from EVT. We also discussed whether we should do another program with the revolving loan fund – for further discussion.

Update: Bob called Efficiency VT on Tuesday to find out when the PACE meeting/teleconference will be and when will the contract language for towns to have EVT manage PACE. No answer yet – vacation days. Will keep trying.

HEC – Laura Asermily forwarded the name of a Bristol resident (RH), who is interested in buttoning up his home. She also sent him a copy of the Weatherization Application. I contacted him and set up a 7pm Friday meeting at his house. Matt S agreed to come as well. There were 2 people who signed up for a home visit at Pocock. Matt S, and Matt M agreed follow up with contact and visits.

Update:

Matt & Bob met with RH and his Lady Friend in their home. We reviewed his application and helped complete things like square footage. Per CVOEO, even though his Lady Friend does not contribute much to the expenses, the home must be counted as a 2-person home. It appears that they qualify for

Weatherization, but RH still has to add in his interest income and mail in the application.

RH signed a pledge card
Matt went thru the HEC check list for the home. By the BTU per Square Foot calculation, the home is worse than the average home, but not significantly. Tiny crawl space attic. Not likely that air sealing could be done, but perhaps blown in cellulose. Weatherization people to determine.

Update: Bob's Home Energy Challenge sign was taken from his front lawn twice. First time it was found next door all bent up. Seconf time "poof" –gone.

Bob & Phoebe were biking thru Wehbridge this AM and say the attached sign put up by the Wehbridge Energy Committee. It shows there HEC goal, and the number of homes that have pledged or done work (not sure). Perhaps something we could do here…?

Fuel Assistance Program – Tim Bouvier of Jackman's sent a letter to Bob stating that they provide $100 worth of fuel to customers who struggle to pay. They would like to partner with BEC (and others). For those folks who seek assistance from us, we can put them in touch with Jackman's for immediate delivery of $100 worth of fuel (Oil, Propane, Wood, Pellets). At the same time we can put them in contact with CVOEO for further assistance. For those who do not qualify for assistance, BEC could still help by seeking donations. Paster Bill Elwell of the Federated Church is willing to set up an account for donation funds available to help with fuel assistance. Matt Sharpe spoke of the NeighborWood organization recently started by David Brynn. We will look into donating our wood behind the town shed to this organization plus the wood offered by Ken Weston. It is possible that they would then maintain it and we could access it "in kind" to use it to help people in need. Matt Sharpe to follow-up with David Brynn.

6-27 – I talked with Pete Bouvier (Bristol Highway Dept). He said people have been taking the wood behind the town garage. He suggested we sell it for under market value (some is a little punky now). I checked on it – about half is gone. The rest was uncovered – tarps there, but not on the wood. I restacked some and covered it. I think selling it may be a good idea, and putting the funds in the account at the Federated Church.

BEC Awareness – Matt M brought up the idea of having a summary sheet of all the ways BEC can help Bristol Residents, as well as what we have done so far, so people can make use of our services. Need a volunteer to work on this.
The end.