

Islesboro Energy Committee Meeting Minutes April 23, 2018

Present: Chuck Verrill, [Toby Martin](#), Jim Roberts, Janis Petzel, Bill Thomas, Maddy Bruno, Todd Congdon

Toby calls to order and identifies two orders of business

1. Get ready for Island Institute conference visit to island [on May 5](#)
2. Current projects – members should either be working on one or sign up for one.

Island Institute Conference – Island Visit

Maddy will help with computer graphics presentation from a tech point of view (mbruno@islandinstitute.org)

Janis, Bill and Todd won't be on island for [May 5](#).

Harry Podolsky of Island Institute will coordinate.

Committee agrees that TL Tutor should be invited to attend and participate.

Presentations by/for other island groups as follows:

CCC – Toby - window inserts

IEC – Jim – solar farm/street lights to LEDs

IIT – Chuck – global warming influence on energy use

IET – Toby

Toby disappointed more IEC members can't be present.

But only 15 minute slot at lunch for IEC to present. Jim and Toby will split duties.

Jim will present powerpoint prepared by Bill. Shows location of green energy technologies used on island, compares island participation to national and state averages.

Discussion of whether comparisons of year-round vs. seasonal residents' use of green tech should be included. Decision – no.

Bill/Jim/Maddy will finalize slides. Maddy will rework slides for clarity and impact.

Discussion of challenges to committee. How to motivate? Steep learning curve, so hard to accomplish goals. Not easy to find data to help make decisions. Do other islands have same set of challenges?

Toby wants to quantify environmental impact of town's green energy technologies. Bill has data, but will take time to crunch. Bill has followed up on Johnny Hossack's fuel consumption tally. Town buildings should all get energy audit. Janis suggests energy standards should be set for town structures. (New ones?) Jim suggests we first make sure IEC is addressing focus recommended by Select Board.

Toby is looking into companies for energy audits, has 2 possibilities.

Janis suggests committee regroup after II conference.

Jim has two needs for conference: number of islanders who may be at lunch (estimate is 10) and a list of discussion topics that can be recommended at lunch.

Potential Topics for Group Discussion [on May 5](#)

Effects of State and Federal Legislation
Community Commitment to Energy Conservation
Grants for Energy-Related Projects
Setting Goals for Growth
Outreach: Finding Effective Resources
Communication for Community Awareness and Support
Pros and Cons of Solar Farms
Sorting Out Public and Private Energy Issues
Collecting and Using Data Effectively
Energy Storage Now and in the Future
Finding Funding Resources for Everyone
The Role of Energy Activism
Facilitating Weatherization
Effect of climate change on energy planning
How to catalyze energy installations with limited resources
Average awareness of residents of different islands

Next meeting [May 28 at 4:30](#).

Meeting adjourned.