

Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee

June 18, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Committee members attending: Bob Sutton, Tim Carney, Jim Torrington, Mike Dreisbach, Dr. Ed Gates, Jo Gilman, Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, Rodney Glotfelty

Committee members not in attendance: Mike Koch, David Dorsey, Paul Durham, Eric Guthrie

Others attending: Jeff Hovis, Jeff Simcoe, Cheryl DeBerry, Andrea Varrato

Approval of May meeting minutes ([Attachment A](#)):

A motion was made by Mike Dreisbach, seconded by Bob Sutton, to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by a majority of the vote.

Presentation by Mark Watkins from Hotshotz Inspections:

Mark Watkins of Hotshotz Inspections discussed measures that local homeowners could take to improve energy efficiency in the home. He discussed an energy efficiency initiative offered by Potomac Edison that enables homeowners to participate in home energy audits at a discounted price ([Attachment B](#)). The program also pays for certain retrofits that are implemented as a result of the energy audit. Thermal imaging is often used in these audits to isolate areas with missing or poorly installed insulation. Mr. Watkins showed thermal imaging videos taken in the field and explained the imaging process ([Attachment C](#)). Other assessment methods were discussed, including blower door testing, which is a test used to measure indoor air exchange over a period of time.

Mr. Watkins provided committee members with a number of informational brochures from Potomac Edison, including "Improve your home's comfort with a quick home energy checkup" ([Attachment D](#)), "Invest in energy-efficient improvements with the Home Performance with Energy Star Program" ([Attachment E](#)), "Energy-efficient appliance and household products for your home" ([Attachment F](#)), and "Energy-saving heating and cooling solutions for your home" ([Attachment G](#)).

Presentation by Gene Scherrer from Tri-state Wind and Solar:

Gene Scherrer of Tri-state Wind and Solar presented a PowerPoint ([Attachment H](#)) to the committee on solar installations for various users, including homeowners and businesses. Mr. Scherrer gave a short history and background of solar PV and detailed various grid connected systems. He also discussed Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) and reviewed average payback periods for commercial solar operations in Maryland. Mr. Scherrer provided an informational brochure to committee members about Tri-State Wind and Solar ([Attachment I](#)).

Review sub-group initiative recommendations:

Jeff Simcoe led a discussion on potential committee recommendations. Mr. Simcoe presented a PowerPoint ([Attachment J](#)) with suggested recommendations intended to be brainstorming tools for the sub-groups. Each sub-group then discussed potential recommendations for the three focused initiatives in their own words. Draft recommendations and other comments were recorded in a PowerPoint ([Attachment K](#)). The suggested recommendations and comments captured during the committee discussions will be merged and presented back to committee members as draft recommendations for further discussion and consideration.

Public comment:

No public comment was offered during this meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Rodney Glotfelty, seconded by Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.