

January 22, 2011

Solar Up North Renewable Energy Initiative

Purpose of meeting: To educate community members about this initiative how solar thermal works. The goal is to identify 2-3 homeowners interested in installing a solar hot water system on their home.

Location: WREN Meeting Room, Bethlehem, NH

Time: 1 p.m.

Founding members present: David Van Houten, Melissa Elander, Ken Begg, Aaron Cockrell

- In addition to founding members, there are 15 people in attendance.
 - An email list sign-up is passed around.
 - Documents describing the basics of solar thermal and the costs are available, and participants are told that copies will be emailed to everyone on the email list.
- I. David introduces the concept of solar energy raisers as established by PAREI. Informs participants that a group has been established in the North Country to replicate PAREI's model.
 - II. PAREI video about energy raisers is shown.
 - III. Members of SUNREI talk about our plans to begin energy raisers in the North Country. Potentials savings in energy bills and in installation costs are discussed. SUNREI is looking for volunteers to help with energy raisers and homeowners interested installing solar thermal.
 - IV. NH State and Federal rebates and rebate applications are discussed.
 - V. Questions from participants.