



February Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 13th, 2018
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Steven Winter Associates, Norwalk

Present:

Philippe Campus	PC	Philippe Campus Architect
Sheri Dieso	SD	Bryant Dieso LLC
Chris Hamm	CH	Steven Winter Associates
Sara Holmes	SH	Wyeth Architects llc
Joe Pavia	JP	Evolve Building Group
George Penniman	GP	George Penniman Architects LLC
John Rountree	JR	Rountree Architects
Leonard Wyeth	LW	Wyeth Architects llc
Katie Zoppo	KZ	Steven Winter Associates

By phone:

Michael Burgess	MB	Crosskey Architects llc
Ari Guttman	AG	The Spray Market
Terry Wood	TW	Pella Windows & Doors
Catherine Young	CY	George Penniman Architects LLC

Distribution: All attendees, informational email list

“We,” “our,” “us,” and “CTPH” refers to the Connecticut Passive House group.

Issues discussed:

NESEA BOOTH

1. Sara presented the opportunity, by way of Alicia Dolce, we’ve been given to share a booth with the other New England Passive House groups at NESEA BuildingEnergy Boston, as we did last year.
2. Our portion would be \$500, which we do have.
3. We want to be supportive and stand in solidarity with the other groups.
4. Concerns are that we don’t get enough in return (i.e. new members, etc) to justify the cost, and we can’t offer much help in the way of staffing the booth (conference attendees don’t want to sacrifice time otherwise spent in programs and exhibit hall).
5. It was decided to not participate this year.
6. *Follow-up: Upon hearing the disappointment in our decision from the organizer, and that the contribution would be only \$300, the Board decided to accept the invitation to share the booth after all. We are allowed to have a sign and whatever handout material we want to bring.*



EVENTS

7. In 2018 we will organize three events – late April/early May, September, and November.
8. We should alternate between technical and non-technical topics.
9. The first event will be a panel discussion.
 - a. A few case studies will be presented by the teams on the panel. Ideally a project will be represented by several team members.
 - b. The theme might be “Lessons Learned.”
 - c. The audience is professionals (our target membership), not homeowners.
 - d. The presentation portion might be 30 minutes long followed by a Q&A for 1 hour.
 - e. Networking should amount to 1 hour, whether it’s 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after, or 1 hour in the beginning.
 - f. John Rountree offered to present his Westport Passive House-inspired residential project. Chris Trolle with BPC Green Builders was the engineer. It’s possible the client would participate.
 - g. John will ask Elizabeth DiSalvo if she could present something.
 - h. John will contact product companies for sponsorships – Unilux, Mitsubishi, Zehnder
 - i. Sara has a list of companies who expressed interest in future sponsorship
 - j. If Multi-family is of interest, SWA might have a project to share.
 - k. Potential dates:
 - i. April 24th, 26th, May 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th
 - ii. No Mondays or Fridays. Wednesdays are difficult for some.
 - iii. We’ve had good luck with Tuesdays.
10. A candidate for the second event (September) is Chris Corson from EcoCor.
 - a. George will contact him for availability.
 - b. This would be a technical topic.
11. A candidate for the third event (November) is Steve DeMetrick, a contractor from Rhode Island specializing in high-performance building.
 - a. George will contact him for availability.
 - b. This would be more non-technical.
12. Sheri, Cat, and Sara volunteered to be on the event committee.

ROADSHOW

13. A similar presentation could be developed that travels around to local libraries or the like. The intent is to focus on the homeowner, less about professionals. They would talk about the goals of Passive House, focus on comfort, etc. Case studies should be local if possible.
14. May years ago Guilford had an open forum about energy efficient design and it was very well attended.
15. This is independent of the 3 CTPH-hosted events.



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

16. Roundtable discussions for sharing ideas and resources could be scheduled.
17. They'd be on a predetermined topic, e.g. window manufacturers, setting up a green business, etc.
18. Perhaps before or after a regular monthly meeting.
19. This could be sponsorship opportunity, but there's concern if a representative from Company X is present, or contributed money, it would be awkward to have a candid discussion about them.

COLLABORATION

20. AIA wants to cosponsor upcoming events.
21. CTGBC "Green Groups" (group of 10 green groups in the state) might be a good group with whom to co-present something.

GROUP EMAIL

22. A forum on the website had previously been discussed, but rejected due to time needed for upkeep and moderation.
23. Usually when questions come up we want fast answers; we don't want to wait around for someone to check an online forum and respond.
24. As a way for members to use each other as resources for immediate assistance, we could set up an email group.
25. Philippe has participated in a Google Group email where people sign up to be part of the group and members can email everyone with questions.
26. This could be a CTPH "members only" perk.

FOLLOW-UP

27. Ask around for deep energy retrofit project for upcoming spring event.
28. Think about potential speakers for our September and November events. NESEA might be a good place to get ideas and ask around.
29. Anyone who has a potential sponsor in mind: ask Sara for the CTPH sponsorship sheet.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

30. Tuesday, March 20th January 16th in Branford – Open to all.

CALENDAR ITEMS

31. Possible joint Passive House group gathering on Friday, April 6th at a New Hampshire passive house retreat center. Multi-family themed.

Meeting concluded at 7:30pm.

Submitted by: Sara Holmes, Secretary