

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

August 10, 2009 – Draft Minutes

Library Conference Room

Present: Hugh Davis, Chair; Kenny Foscue, Vice Chair; Letty McPhedran, Mary Mahon, Lisa Manfredi, Eric Mangels; Absent: Rip Dauster, Maurice Libson, and Diantha Thorpe

Meeting opened at 7 p.m.

Two new members were introduced: Lisa Manfredi and Eric Mangels.

Minutes of June 2009 meeting approved as written.

1. Hugh Davis presented the “Semi-Annual Report on the Connecticut Innovation Grant Program.” The report will be submitted by Hugh Davis.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: John Horbach, North Haven Trail Association to assist the Clean Energy Task Force. 1st Selectman, Janet McCarthy indicated that Sarah Baird is interested in joining the task force.
3. Hugh Davis will be traveling in September. Kenny Foscue will chair the September meeting. Please contact Kenny if you cannot attend the Sept. meeting.
4. Eileen Lopez Gardone, U.D., Community Liaison has been sent a description of the Task Force.
5. Roger Smith will be conducting a workshop for Clean Energy Task Force groups **August 26** in Fairfield. Kenny Foscue and Letty McPhedran will attend.

Clean Energy Task Force Committees:

- A. Government – interacting with Town and State government - *Hugh Davis*
- B. Grants – Mary Mahon, *Eric Mangels*
- C. Outreach – *Diantha Thorpe*
- D. Publicity and Education – Letty McPhedran, *Kenny Foscue, Maurice Libson*

Reports:

Government Liaison

Getting solar panels installed in town – Bob Wall has been contacted. Town of North Haven has signed up for 600 “Green E Certificates.” Town must have 10% clean energy use for 2009. North Haven is eligible for three (3) solar panels for 200 households (or businesses) sign-ups to clean energy with their electric company. Hugh will e-mail them to schedule installation of solar panels on the approved buildings. Roof cannot be more than 10 years old. This might happen before end of year.

Grants

Eric will help on the Grant Committee.

Mary will contact Anthony Giordano, North Haven High School, for the final report on the grant given in spring 2009. This will be forwarded to Bob Wall. Mary will also call Diantha Thorpe regarding PTO groups for grant applications.

Lisa and Eric proposed a contest with sports teams. Lisa will contact her neighbors for names of various youth groups in town. Other groups to contact: Police, Fire Department, Italian American Group.

Petco has a halfway house for “Adopt pets.” They might be interested in applying for a grant.

Publicity

Letty McPhedran: Letty and Peter McPhedran will prepare a sign for the North Haven Green.

An article will be published in the local newspaper.

The North Haven web site will have the Clean Energy Task force update. Eric will also contact a friend on one of the local radio stations

Kenny will contact Paul Colella to *ask that the Citizen create a link to the articles that they have published so far that we can have on our **Task Force web page.***

Outreach

We are set for the **Recycling Center on Saturday, Aug. 15.** Diantha will bring the materials to Hugh on Friday. Lisa and Hugh will be at the recycling center from 8:30-10:30. Could those who come at 10:30 bring a table? If you don't have one, Hugh can leave his card table at 10:30.

Energy Assistance Symposium on Saturday, September 12, North Haven Middle School, 9 am - noon. Hugh spoke to Carla, Community Services, concerning the symposium. A table will be provided for our materials, including sign-up forms. We will need 3-4 people to manage the table. Please notify the committee. **Mary and Letty: 9-10:30. Eric and Kenny: 10:30-12 noon.**

Kenny will contact schools for “open house” dates and permission to have CETF table for sign-ups and other materials.

North Haven High School “Project Green” group: Mary Mahon will contact Anthony Giordano to plan for the November election. The 4th, 5th, or 2nd district polls were suggested for having a table with Clean Energy sign-up forms. The students were very successful at last year’s election in the 3rd district as well as district 1 for the referendum. The students will be at school and therefore the tables must be monitored in the early morning and afternoon.

New Business

Kenny Fuscue - *We could have another Forum in the fall possibly a date in October. This would focus on solar power.* We ran out of time for the ‘questions’ session in May 2009. Suggestion that we invite Mr. Veihl, “Wellpoint.” Maurice could invite his speaker from the May 09 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting September 14, 7 p.m., Library conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Mahon

Additional information received after the meeting from Eric Mangels: A Green-e Certificate is the brand name for the specific REC that the town has purchased. Here is the Wikipedia definition of a REC: http://en.wikipedia/wiki/Renewable_Energy_Certificates