

North Haven Clean Energy Task Force

Minutes
2/8/2010

Attendees:

Hugh Davis, Letty McPhedran, Kenny Foscue, Mary Mahon, Maurice Libson

Guests:

Linda Darveau, EPA Region 1, Roy Haller, United Illuminating

1. Announcements:

- NHCETF Fund Account: We have \$3580.54 in the account. We owe Project Green \$750, after that we will have a balance of \$2830.54.
- Solar Panels: Hugh spoke with Ed Swinkowski, Town finance director about the status of the solar panels for the High School. No further information available.

2. Committee Reports:

Committee reports were postponed for this meeting to give more time to the speakers

3. Community Energy Challenge

Linda Darveau gave a presentation and discussion on EPA's Community Energy Challenge (CEC) program. Main points of the program:

- CEC is a program to assist municipalities to reduce energy use. Municipalities sign on and pledge to reduce energy use by at least 10 %. Note: this is different from the 20% by 2010 Program).
- It is important for North Haven (and other "20% by 2010" towns with clean energy task forces to sign up, as it is now a requirement of the CT Clean Energy Fund to be eligible for free solar collectors. We will get CCEF points for joining CEC.
- The first step is for the Town to sign a commitment letter and form committing to the program. (Note: Hugh, Letty, and Kenny met with Michael Freda, 1st Selectman committed to signing up, but first bringing the issue up at the March 4 Bd of Selectman meeting).
- As part of CEC, towns and cities are to establish energy task forces (we are there already!).
- EPA assists the town to benchmark energy performance of all municipal buildings, by providing software and an intern. Benchmarking establishes a base line to track improvements, and making it easier to target where to make changes.
- There is no cost to the program.
- CEC Action Plan:

- Gather data (energy bills, etc)

The KBtu/sq ft/year is the goal of this step (measured in British Thermal Units)

- Prioritize buildings for retrofits, on-site audits
- Develop financing plan

Past municipal energy action: The focus was on schools. \$400,000 was spent installing low-energy lighting in all the school buildings.

4. UI Report on meeting with 1st Selectman:

Roy Haller from UI reported on his recent meeting with the 1st Selectman and the Board of Education's Business Manager, Ed Gomeau, regarding UI's program with the town to reduce energy use. The change in school lighting is complete; the second phase is the municipal buildings. He pointed out that steam heat cannot be easily controlled. After benchmarking under CEC, Roy Haller will help in the follow through.

Next Meeting: March 8th at 7 pm in the Library

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Kenny Foscue, reporting