

North Haven Clean Energy Task Force Minutes

June 14, 2010

Present: Hugh Davies, Sarah Baird, Maurice Libson, Kenny Foscue, Letty McPhedran, Diantha Thorpe

Announcement: Next meeting July 12 at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center

Old Business

Jillian Carbone of CEF emailed Ed Swinkowski about our solar panels, giving no date, but had executed an agreement with a contractor for installation at the high school. Hugh thinks the town and CEF will publicize this event jointly.

Letty asked about a ribbon cutting; Maurice offered to photograph the event; Sarah suggested that the principal of the high school be contacted in plenty of time. Hugh will send our email addresses to Jillian in case he is not available when she next writes.

Sarah asked that we find out how much electricity the HS uses so we will have a benchmark to see what difference the panels make. It is presumed that each panel will save about \$1200, for a total of \$4800. She suggested in our publicity that we translate that sum into tangibles, ie: How many more books can the library buy?

Letty is making a new sign for the Green, and suggested we put a sign up in the Ridge Road area of town when the solar panels go up.

Administrative and Publicity

Intern for the Community Energy Challenge: Letty reports that Freda told her if an intern comes to town to train a staff member for the monitoring of energy use in our buildings, that Freda will have to work with the union to make this possible.

He further said that the town had contracted with UI to do a complete audit of 5 town buildings and retrofit lights in Town Hall, the Rec Center, Fire Dept., Annex, and Police. Freda says the town does not have gas in its buildings.

Kenny noted that the UI and EPA seem to be working together and suggested we contact Roy Haller at UI, and that we need a report about this. Letty will call Linda Darveau at the EPA to ask what is going on.

The *North Haven Citizen* reported that UI will give 440 free energy audits to townspeople. Sarah suggested that these be linked to information about the Task Force, for the prospect of new sign-ups. Letty will draft a letter to Freda with this suggestion as a way of earning more solar panels for the town.

Kenny asked us to sign his letter to the local papers.

Hugh will put out a recruiting letter to the papers again.

Grants

With no interest from the Clintonville project, suggestions were made re:grants. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were mentioned. Diantha to send Sarah the contact name for the Girl Scouts. Hugh will ask Annette Gattilia to help see who is the person to contact in Boy Scouts.

Sarah asked if other towns got grants for outreach, and Kenny noted that Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge actually helped subsidize energy audits. Given an administrative budget of \$1,000, how did they do that?

Outreach

Recycling signups: HD and MM signed up 4 people at recycling on May 22; Kenny and Sharon did 5 on June 5; one came through the selectman's office.

Upcoming dates for recycling sign-ups: July 17, Kenny and Diantha; August 14, Hugh, and he will ask Jackie. Kenny and Hugh will get materials from Mary; Letty will make up a list of equipment.

Sharon Huttner had suggested a table at the summer concerts. This has not been effective in the past but Kenny noted Sharon could try if she wished.

New Business

1. Economic Forum for the Fall: Kenny suggests we partner with another town and will get in touch with Hamden; also that perhaps we could get Rosa DeLauro's office to help sponsor this event.
2. We agreed to look for speakers with help from Roger Smith (Kenny), the Connecticut Fund for the Environment (Diantha), and town business people through Freda (Hugh).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diantha Thorpe