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Minutes  
North Haven Clean Energy Task Force  
11/8/10

Attendees: Sarah Baird, Hugh Davis, Kenny Foscue, Letty McPhedran, Mary Mahon, Maurice Libson

1. Clean Energy Sign-ups:

Election Day Sign-ups for the Clean Energy Option: The Project Green high school kids signed up a phenomenal 84 residences on Election Day! All 5 polling stations were covered for most to all of the time between 6 am and 8 pm. The numbers by polling station were:

- Recreation Center: 33
- Ridge Rd 20
- Green Acres: 19
- Clintonville: 9
- Montowese: 3

In addition, there were 4 more sign ups at the Show and Sell Business Expo on 10/23/10. Of these 88 recent sign-ups, 70 signed up through Community Energy and 18 were through Sterling Planet. Approximately 100 more sign-ups have been collected since the 300 that made North Haven eligible for the solar panels.

2. Solar Panels for the high school:

Still no word on the actual date – we were last told the first of November. Stay tuned. It was suggested we write a letter to the CT Clean Energy Fund saying our town lost so much money because the solar panels were not installed when promised, Oct. 2009. There was no one assigned to do this.

3. Grants:

Mary reported that this past year's Project Green grant period recently ended. Given their great success, it was unanimously decided to offer them another grant.

Also, we are expecting around \$700 to come in from Community Energy from the \$10 per sign-up they provide us.

4. Business/commercial outreach project:

Hugh reported on his conversation with Sheri Borelli from United Illuminating, who is willing to help us, including attending a meeting with First Selectman Mike Freda to enlist his help in reaching out to the business community. Hugh is going to follow up and try to get a meeting date some time in December.

We had a general discussion about reaching out to the business community. This would include encouraging clean energy sign-ups and informing them about various programs – particularly energy conservation assistance. A few items:

- It was important for the task force members to educate themselves about commercial clean energy programs. Everyone on the Task Force is encouraged to read up on commercial clean energy information. Check out [www.ctcleanenergy.com](http://www.ctcleanenergy.com)
- It would be good to have an NHCETF article in one or all of the papers. Kenny will contact Paul Colella to see if he would be interested.
- Sponsoring a forum on clean energy opportunities for North Haven businesses was discussed. This might take place sometime in February or March. It was suggested that someone from the Chamber of Commerce or the Rotary Club be recruited to help put together the forum – however, no one was appointed to do this.

#### 5. Discussion of Economics of Clean Energy:

There was a discussion of having a forum on the broader economic benefits of clean energy and a clean energy economy (as opposed to a forum more directed at specific programs for local businesses). Kenny suggested that this be a joint project for a group of clean energy task forces in the New Haven area. He mentioned an earlier discussion with a member of the Hamden task force who had suggested that the New Haven area Council of Governments (COG) director Carl Amento might be willing to host a meeting of area task forces to discuss this and other items. Kenny will follow up.

#### 5. EPA Clean Energy Challenge:

Letty reported that Linda Darveau at EPA had not received the benchmarking information from Freda, although he did send it to someone. She suggested that someone in town be trained to enter the benchmarking information, and the logical person is Wm. Bennett who is designated as the town's "information technology manager". Training people in town to do it is the usual way it is done. UI will do an audit of town buildings after the benchmarking data is made available.

6. There was a discussion of using a survey at NHCETF events to find out about the community's knowledge and attitudes re: clean energy.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kenny Foscue