

North Haven Clean Energy Task Force

Draft Minutes

October 17, 2011, 7-9 p.m.

Present: Sarah Baird, Hugh Davis, Maury Libson, Letty McPhedran, Kenny Foscue, Mary Mahon, Nick Gill, Diantha Thorpe

Guests: Anthony Giordano, North Haven H.S. Green Project Green;
Justin Haaheim, Clean Water Action working with North Haven and our Task Force

The minutes of the CETF September 26 meeting were approved.

Project Green: received another grant from the CETF. Anthony Giordano, as the teacher-advisor of the student project, reported coverage for Election Day Clean Energy sign-up solicitation. The students will also have literature to distribute. The following schools will be covered on Election Day: Clintonville, Ridge Road, Montowese (detailed list attached)

Election Day Coverage from CETF::

Center (Recreation Center): Mary Mahon, Letty McPhedran, Diantha Thorpe

Green Acres: Nick Gill 8-11; Sarah Baird 11-2, Hugh Davis 2-6

Clintonville

Ridge Road – 6-8 am Kenny Foscue; Hugh Davis 2-6

Montowese

Printed material and signage will be available at all voting stations. Diantha will get material to Mary Mahon for a collection and storage center.

Anthony Giordano reported Project Green signed up 2 businesses at the Show and Sell event Saturday, 10/15. Anthony Giordano left the meeting.

Energy Audits - Justin Haaheim [*j.haaheim@cleanwater.org](mailto:j.haaheim@cleanwater.org) Clean Water Action, under Roger Smith. Justin is working with the North Haven Clean Energy Task Force. Brian Garcia, recently appointed, is now the top person at Clean Water Action.

Public Act 1180 Statewide policy – Energy Efficiency (retroactive 2010)

Energy efficiency is for grants. *Clean Energy Option sign-ups* go toward solar panels. Sarah Baird explained the “home audits.”

Regional Workshops Justin Haaheim spoke of organizing six regional workshops statewide.. North Haven would host one of the four Statewide area workshops, which will include Madison, and other surrounding towns. The purpose is to meet with other task forces and share ideas on what works and what does not. The task is to find a large and suitable place to hold such a workshop. These workshops would be 2 ½ hour sessions, held November to early December. North Haven would host 8-10 task forces from the New Haven area. Mary suggested holding these area sessions on a Saturday. A daytime meeting might entice more to attend. Nick said the agenda should focus on businesses. Kenny felt the focus should be on “what has changed in the last year.” A list of our accomplishments could be distributed as handouts. Some suggestions for places to host the regional workshop: Yale U. School of Forestry, Quinnipiac U., Gateway Community College and Southern Connecticut State U.. Continuation of this discussion will be at the meeting to plan for the area taskforce workshops. **CETF will hold a webinar on Thursday, Oct 20, 7 pm** to prepare an agenda. The purpose of the area meetings: is to get people involved by collaborating with other task forces.

(Justin left the meeting.)

Diantha asked what is the total number of clean energy signups that we have collected? Kenny said this might be another topic for an area meeting.

Money Received From Community Energy \$750 total, \$10 for every sign-up, from October-February.

Sterling Planet – Letty reported that Sterling Planet would not be reapplying in January 2012 to offer the clean energy option. Sterling will still support the customers signed up already. Our Task Force should not print out many sign-up sheets without waiting to see who offers the clean energy option and at what price in January.

Business Forum – Sarah Baird contacted Sheryl Borrelli. The forum was poorly attended by the business community. Hamden and North Haven had officials present. The forum showed the savings on energy. Sheryl Borrelli talked about earned points – “turn off the lights in town” day. We could earn points towards the grant “Bright Ideas.” Retroactive Ct Energy Finance and Investment Authority. Borelli suggested that we might start with the middle school students. – “Green Town,” decal for businesses – waiting for U.I. is too confusing. It might be better to design our own.

DCS Energy – Solar Panels: The deal fell through because the company, Solendra, had to file bankruptcy. See attached articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Mahon