

## **North Haven Clean Energy Task Force Meeting November 14, 2011**

### **Attending:**

Hugh Davis, Kenny Foscue, Sarah Baird, Nick Gill, Caroline Dumont

Minutes for the October meeting were approved. The next Task Force Meeting will be 12/12/11.

### **Sign-ups:**

Election Day sign-ups for the CleanEnergy Option were very successful. Project Green students were at Clintonville, Montewese and Ridge Rd Schools, with help from Task Force members. A total of 53 sign-ups were obtained, with 29 credited to Project Green. The breakdown by school is as follows:

Clintonville	20
Montewese	7
Rec Center	9
Green Acres	10
<u>Ridge Rd</u>	<u>6</u>
Total:	52

Two more sign-ups were obtained at the Show and Sell event.

### **New Haven Regional Meeting:**

There was discussion of the upcoming regional meeting of New Haven area clean energy task forces on Saturday, Dec 3. North Haven is hosting the meeting at the North Haven library community room from 9:30 to 12:30. Clean Water Action is organizing the agenda. North Haven will provide light refreshment fare (coffee, tea, water, bagels).

Part of the agenda will include a discussion by the task forces of successes and challenges. A list of these for our task force was generated to present at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

### **Successes:**

- The number of household/businesses sign-ups and points (around 450)
- The solar array on the high school that we earned
- The 4 community forums we sponsored
- The newspaper series on clean energy issues sponsored by NHCETF
- Our work with Project Green
- Getting the town to benchmark town buildings re: energy use
- Coordinating the DCS application for solar panels (though the effort fell through for external reasons)

**Challenges:**

- Increasing Task Force membership
- Obtaining information about clean energy updates and particularly points from the state system
- Keeping up with program changes (including “moving the goalposts” re: # of signups and free solar panels
- Getting support from the business community
- Working with town government/maintaining momentum
- Lack of energy expertise on task force/town government participation on task force

**Reviving the newspaper series:**

There was a brief discussion of reviving our newspaper series (after many months). Two specific ideas were put forth: 1) a report on the 12/3 regional meeting; and 2) getting Project Green students to write an article on their clean energy work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes Taker: Kenny Foscue