

# North Haven Clean Energy Task Force Minutes 6/11/12

Attendees: Hugh Davis, Mary Mahon, Diantha Thorpe, Kenny Foscue, Caroline Dumont, Sara Baird

## 1. June 6 UI Regional Workshop:

UI/Sheri Berelli sponsored a regional workshop for local clean energy committees. Hamden, North Haven, Bethany and Woodbridge were represented. Hugh Davis presented for our Task Force, and discussed our projects and experiences. Both UI and CLP presented programs that they offer. There were various vendors at the workshop.

## 2. Bright Idea Grant:

A new grant program, Bright Idea Grants, was announced at the regional workshop. North Haven is now eligible for a \$10,000 grant for energy programs. As part of the application, an energy plan (Municipal Action Plan) must be developed. The grant can be used for energy audits and retrofitting of the town buildings. **Hugh is to find out information about the Management Action Plan.**

## 3. Energy Manager:

There was further discussion of the need for North Haven to obtain an energy manager to follow up on grants (like the Bright Idea grant) and other opportunities. There was general agreement that this idea was worth pursuing. Next steps:

- **Hugh is to talk to Sherri Berelli to seek ideas.**
- **Kenny is to contact Roger Smith about grant opportunities and other strategies.**

## 4. Energy Conservation Training for Town Workers:

It was acknowledged that there is still a need for the Town to provide energy conservation training, as part of the energy audits of Town buildings. \_\_\_\_\_ **will contact Letty to ask her to contact Ed Swinkoski to see what the status is.**

## 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> New Haven Area Regional Workshop:

This workshop would follow up on last fall's regional workshop hosted by NHCETF. It was the consensus that we would be glad to host it, if Clean Water Action/Justin/other task forces would organize it. **Caroline is to contact Justin Haaheim and Roger Smith to follow up.**

## 6. Recycling Center Sign Up:

People agreed to staff a sign up table at the Recycling Center on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here is the schedule:

9 -10:30 – Hugh and Mary

10:30 – 12:00 – Kenny and Diantha

## 7. NHCETF funds/Project Green grant:

The Task Force presently has \$1760 in the account. Project Green has closed out its account for this year. We will provide another grant to PG in the fall.

8. Revolving Fund for Home Energy Audits:

Kenny brought up again the idea of providing a subsidy (\$25) for the \$75 Home Energy Audits for people who sign up for the Clean Energy Option. The funds would come from the \$25 (Community Energy) or \$30 (3Degrees) fee we get for signing people up. It was acknowledged that we needed to make sure that we have funds available for Project Green each year, and so there would be the need for some extra money available to make sure PG is covered. One idea is to seek a small grant to finance a “revolving fund.” **Kenny will contact Roger Smith for ideas.**

9. There is need again to get an accurate accounting of points that North Haven has earned (that go to getting more solar collectors). **Diantha will contact Bob Wall to find out the status of our points.**

**The next meeting will be Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Recreation Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kenny Foscue