

## NHCETF Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2013

Attending:

Kenny Foscue, Letty McPhedran, Hugh Davis, Richard Cooper, Caroline Dumont, Sarah Baird, Richard LoPresti, Alex Powers, Tyler Smith

1. Hugh Davis chaired the meeting. Minutes were read and corrected.

2. Meeting with Freda:

Letty and others reported on the recent meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Mike Freda. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of our Task Forces' effort to meet with him on a regular (quarterly?) basis. The UI interns are ready to do more benchmarking of town buildings. The benchmarking will go back to 2008 data. Sarah will help with this effort. The North Haven Municipal Action Plan on energy and efficiency (MAP) was signed, and therefore the town will be receiving a \$ 15,000 Bright Ideas grant from CEFIA.

Christine Carling is the North Haven Board of Education's Director of Finance. Freda will be sharing the Chris Fogg report with her, and our town MAP. There was an update on the status of the proposed solar array on the town landfill. The Green Skies company put in a bid that was too high, and is planning to put in another bid. One holdup has been the need for virtual net metering. This would require the utilities companies to buy back excess electricity generated by the photovoltaic collectors. Richard related that there was a legislative bill to mandate this. He will send information to the Task Force about this bill.

3. CEFIA Clean Energy Forum, West Haven:

Letty, David, and Kenny discussed the March 27 CEFIA forum that they attended. It was announced that 42 towns and cities had signed on to the Clean Energy pledge. Representatives of CEFIA, UI and CL&P conducted updates and presentations on several topics: the LREC and ZREC energy credit programs, C-PACE (a commercial energy efficiency financing program), the new CT Green LEAF Schools program, the Home Energy Solutions (HES) Campaign, and other updates.

4. HES Campaign:

Letty and Kenny discussed the idea of conducting a HES campaign in North Haven, with the assistance of CEFIA and UI. Letty followed up with them and so Amy McLean Salls from UI will be coming to our June 7 meeting to advise and support a Fall HES campaign. It was suggested that we consider linking getting people to sign up for the Clean Energy Option with the HES campaign.

5. NHCETF Forum/Tour re: Gateway Clean Energy Program:

The idea discussed at the March meeting of having a Task Force sponsored forum on David Cooper's clean energy program at Gateway CC was discussed again. David reported that this would probably not happen until sometime in the fall. He is planning to meet with the North Haven schools science curriculum director. There was interest in setting up a Task Force tour of the program sometime in the next couple of months.

The next meeting of the Task Force will be Monday, May 13, 2013.