

**Green Energy Committee
Hampton, Connecticut
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Hampton Town Hall Conference Room**

1. Call to order:

Selectman Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne; Maryellen Donnelly; Kate Donnelly, ex officio, First Selectman; Everett Hyde; Frank Russell; Paul Wakely; John Wertam

Others Present: Robert Marsh.

2. Audience for Citizens:

Robert Marsh expressed his interest in green initiatives in Hampton and in being a member of the Green Energy Committee.

3. New Business:

a. Introductions

Those present stated their interest in how energy is generated and used and conservation in Hampton as well as their experience. Everett Hyde advised the committee of NESEA.org and an upcoming Building Conference.

b. Charge of Hampton Green Energy Committee

The charge of the committee was reviewed:

To study and recommend an energy savings/green energy plan for the Town of Hampton. The Committee will initially focus on recommending a plan for solar energy on the new garage, elementary school, and town hall. It will develop a plan for energy efficiency, conservation and other sources of alternative energy.

It was suggested that a mission statement might be written some time in the future.

c. Election of officers:

i. Chair

Everett Hyde nominated Roger Dionne for Chair. Paul Wakely seconded the nomination. Roger Dionne was unanimously elected Chair.

ii. Vice-Chair

Kate Donnelly nominated Frank Russell for Vice-Chair. Paul Wakely seconded the nomination. Frank Russell was unanimously elected Vice-Chair.

iii. Secretary

Kate Donnelly nominated Maryellen Donnelly for Secretary. Roger Dionne seconded the nomination. Maryellen Donnelly was unanimously elected Secretary.

d. Subcommittees

Formation of subcommittees of the Hampton Green Energy Committee was tabled. There was general discussion of the need for subcommittees to gather baseline data of all municipal facilities, for communication and to work with

the Hampton Board of Education and the Garage Committee. Maryellen Donnelly volunteered to be the liaison with the Hampton Board of Education on which she serves. Roger Dionne and Paul Wakely volunteered to be liaisons with the Town Garage Building Committee. John Wertam will contact its chairperson to introduce the Green Energy Committee.

e. Town Energy Policy

There was general discussion about what committee members consider important for Hampton and the need for a Town Energy Policy as a requirement for grant applications. Kate Donnelly will research town policies for the next meeting.

f. Grants

There was discussion about various grants and services available to municipalities and to Hampton homeowners. Roger Dionne will find out the source of funding for solar panels for the Pomfret Community School. John Wertam will investigate current CCEF funding sources. Frank Russell will find out more about the company that uses PV to generate and sell electricity to the town of Mansfield. Maryellen Donnelly handed out information for the committee's consideration from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) website <<http://www.ctcleanenergy.com/>>

- 1) Steps to join the 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign, and,
- 2) Community Innovations Grants Program v2.0.

g. Future meetings

Regular meetings of the Hampton Green Energy Committee were set for the first Wednesday of every month. Additional meetings in February and March were set for the third Wednesday of the month as special meetings. All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting dates for 2010 are: February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1.

h. Website link

The Town of Hampton website will be used to advise citizens of information from the Green Energy Committee.

i. CL&P Grant

Kate Donnelly will follow up on a CL&P grant to purchase trees for energy conservation purposes for the town of Hampton.

4. Second Audience for Citizens: none

5. Adjournment:

Motion made by Maryellen Donnelly to adjourn at 9:34. Motion to adjourn seconded by Paul Wakely. Motions carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly
Secretary