

**Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, Connecticut
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:00 PM**

1. Call to order

Selectman Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne; Maryellen Donnelly; Kate Donnelly, ex officio, First Selectman; Robert Marsh; and Paul Wakely.

2. Audience for Citizens: none.

3. Additions to the agenda:

- a. Correct date on Approval of Minutes (2/3/2010)
- b. Information regarding residential audits.

4. Approval of Minutes of 2/3/2010

Motion: Kate Donnelly moved, Paul Wakely seconded, to approve the minutes of 2/3/10. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee and Representative Reports/Recommendations:

- a. **Baseline Data, Energy Use History, Institute for Sustainability**
Roger Dionne is working on baseline data using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager. As suggested by Bill Leahy of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University, Roger is using data from 2008 on.

- b. **Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) 20% by 2010**
Motion: Robert Marsh moved, Paul Wakely seconded, that the HGEC recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Hampton join the 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate Donnelly will contact the CCEF 20% by 2010 contact, Bob Wall, and request a meeting with the HGEC.

- c. **Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Audit**
CCM is willing to do an initial audit for no charge when they receive baseline data.

- d. **Elementary School Audit**
HGEC received a report *Hampton Elementary School Benchmarking Analysis* with a cover letter dated January 11, 2008 from Bill Leahy of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University. The benchmark used 2006-07 data and HES earned the Energy Star rating. HGEC will ask the Institute of Sustainable Energy representative why the Portfolio Manager report for HES currently on the Energy Star website has a lower rating.

- e. **Residential Audit**
There is a requirement for an energy audit of any home receiving Recovery Act of 2009 money. Residential geothermal is an example of a Connecticut

Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) incentive program that is conducted in parallel with the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund's (CEEFF) incentive program, which is administered by the Connecticut Light & Power Company and the United Illuminating Company. Projects approved under the CCEF incentive program must meet the energy-efficiency and performance verification requirements of the CEEFF program. For a residential audit, go to <http://www.cl-p.com/Home/SaveEnergy/Rebates/HomeEnergySolutions.aspx>

At this site, you can either apply on line and CL&P will assign a contractor or get a list of CL&P authorized contractors that do home energy audits. The residential audit costs \$75.00. For more information, the CL&P phone number for this service is 1-877-WISE-USE.

Mark Foley (CEEFF/CL&P) can answer questions about residential geothermal incentive requirements.

6. Town Energy Policy

Discussion of a town energy policy was tabled.

7. Grant application

The HGEC is seeking grants for solar-thermal systems.

8. Finance: Budget

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Robert Marsh seconded, that the HGEC submit a request for a \$2,500 line item in the Hampton town budget for 2010-2011 for planning and design, energy audits and publicity. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Publicity: Website, article for the Gazette

The HGEC reviewed a questionnaire presented by Robert Marsh. HGEC members will be contacting green energy users in Hampton to solicit information about their systems. Information will be summarized for a news article.

If timely, Roger Dionne will contact the Gazette to announce the agenda for the March 3 meeting (see item 11). Kate Donnelly will add the information to the town website.

10. Audience for Citizens: none.

11. Next Agenda Planning

Laura Worthington, a representative of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University will make a presentation and answer questions at the March 3 HGEC meeting. This meeting will be held in the community room.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Roger Dionne moved, Kate Donnelly seconded, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly
Secretary

