Hampton Green Energy Committee Hampton, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:00 PM

1. Call to order

There was no quorum, but discussion occurred beginning at 7:10 p.m.

Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne; Maryellen Donnelly; Kate

Donnelly, ex officio, First Selectman; John Wertam.

Also present: Linda Sanchini.

- 2. Audience for Citizens: none.
- 3. Additions to the Agenda: none.
- **4. Approval of Minutes of 2/17/2010** Quorum not present.
- 5. Budget: Line Item

It was suggested that HGEC request a line item in the Hampton Budget.

6. Committee and Representative Reports/Recommendations:

a. Website

It was suggested that HGEC members think ahead regarding what to post.

b. Baseline Data

Roger Dionne has asked Sally Lehoux, Hampton Elementary School (HES) Administrative Assistant, to provide data to the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University to update HES's performance on the Energy Star website. Roger has submitted data for the Town Hall, Community Center, and Town Garage. To view data, go to <www.energystar.gov/benchmark>.

Login: hamptontownhall Password: hamptonct

c. Audit: Data for Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Audit. Elementary School

No information about the CCM audit was discussed.

d. Conference reports- Climate Change, NESEA

Kate Donnelly reported on the Governor's Commission on Climate Change conference that she attended. Residents can access information on the State of Connecticut's official climate change website, administered by the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change <ctclimatechange.com>.

7. School Reports/Involvement

Linda Sanchini reported that the Hampton Elementary School Science Fair will be held the evening of March 31. It is an opportunity for the HGEC to share information with Hampton students and families. Earth Week in April is another opportunity. Members of the HES Eco Club, 4th, 5th and 6th graders, meet every Tuesday after

school. Students have audited the building and hope to monitor changes in electric use and recycling on a month-by-month basis. The Eco Club will be participating in the Recreation Commission's clean up day and HGEC will have an information table.

8. Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) 20% by 2010

Electricity for Hampton municipal use can be purchased from companies other than the clean energy sources that are offered to residents. Research into groups of similar users regarding time and quantity can put Hampton into a cost savings and clean energy source group. Current cost is \$.1199/kWh.

9. Grants: CCEF, Dept Ag, Mansfield 20% by 2010, CL&P, CCM & Last Green Valley

Hampton will receive a \$4,000 micro-grant through Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. A grant application from The Last Green Valley is being written. HGEC will not seek solar thermal systems. Though an incentive is erroneously listed for solar thermal heat, the incentive is only for solar thermal hot water systems. They are not appropriate for buildings without frequent use of hot water.

10. Communications: Questionnaires to alternative energy users

HGEC will continue to collect information about alternative energy use by Hampton residents.

11. Old Business: Report of visit by Laura Worthington. Bill Leahy due for inspection visit in May.

Laura Worthington will enter the information from HES.

- **12. Audience for Citizens:** none.
- 13. Next Agenda Planning
- **14. Adjournment:** Those present ended discussions at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly Secretary