

**Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
7:00 PM**

- 1. Call to order:**

Selectman Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.
Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne; Kate Donnelly, ex officio,
First Selectman; Maryellen Donnelly; Frank Russell; Paul Wakely.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda:**

Additions: Approval of Minutes for April 7, 2010 to item 3 and tax bill insert as
item 9f.
- 3. Approval of Minutes: February 17, March 3 & 17, 2010.**

Motion: Frank Russell moved, Roger Dionne seconded, to approve the minutes
of February 17, 2010 with the following amendment: "Draft HGEC Minutes
2/17/10" (p. 1 and p. 2)
Motion passed unanimously.
Motion: Frank Russell moved, Roger Dionne seconded, to approve the minutes
of March 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion: Frank Russell moved, Roger Dionne seconded, to approve the minutes
of March 17, 2010 with the following amendment: "Leahy" (spelling in item 11).
Motion passed unanimously.
Motion: Frank Russell moved, Kate Donnelly seconded, to approve the minutes
of April 7, 2010. Motion passed with Roger Dionne and Paul Wakely abstaining.
- 4. Budget Line Item Status:**

Kate Donnelly reported that \$1000 was put into the proposed town budget.
- 5. Committee and Representative Reports/Recommendations:**
 - a. Website:**

HGEC will have a page on the town website. Frank Russell and Paul
Wakely will work on the contents.
 - b. Baseline Data:**

The Hampton Fire Department will provide baseline data. Roger will
check to see if the recent data for Hampton Elementary School (HES) is
posted on website.
 - c. Audit: Data for CCM audit. Elementary School:**

Roger Dionne will contact Bill Leahy to see when we are on his schedule.
 - d. Questionnaire status:** No report
 - e. Brochure status, Earth Day:**

Frank Russell made the HGEC "How to Purchase Clean Energy *and* Save
Money" brochures and Clean Energy Options sign-up forms available at
the Hampton clean-up event and Ev Hyde did so at the concert.

Brochures and sign-up forms are available in the Town Hall and Maryellen Donnelly volunteered to be sure there is a supply for the pie social prior to the May 17 Town Meeting.

- f. **Progress for CCE options program:**
There was discussion regarding the delay in seeing points on the Connecticut Clean Energy website after forms have been submitted. Further discussion included ideas for providing information and obtaining sign-ups.
 - g. **GRANTS: CCEF, Dept Ag, Mansfield, 20% by 2010, CL&P, CCM & Last Green Valley:**
We have received \$2000 as part of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Community Innovation Grant. We await news about the proposal submitted to The Last Green Valley.
6. **20% by 2010: Committee member sign ups:**
The HGEC encourages all committee members to sign up for the Clean Energy Options program if not already having done so.

In order to offset the small cost of the clean energy option, there was discussion about the experiences choosing an electric supplier, the recommendations of other towns and whether the HGEC would recommend a supplier to residents. The HGEC will wait to see if discounts can be realized through the request for proposals from electric suppliers that Hampton entered with Coventry.

7. **Earth Day, Earth week and science fair activities:**
The HGEC considered options for signing up households for the Clean Energy Options Program including staffing a room during Hampton Town Hall evening office hours on Thursdays. This will be included in an article for the Gazette for the July issue. The HGEC will hold off in hopes that information about discounts through a supplier can be shared at the same time. (see 9a).

Maryellen Donnelly will contact youth group leaders to see if they are interested in participation in the Clean Energy Options Program, what incentives the youth group might enjoy, when they meet, and what they think of competition among the groups. Examples of what other communities used as incentives with youth groups is found at <http://www.ctcleanenergy.com> On the site, go to Your Community, Community Innovations Grants, Cool Ideas.

Kate Donnelly booked *Conservation Quest*, a traveling exhibit from Stepping Stones Museum for Children in Norwalk, CT, for the week of June 6, 2011 (the next available date). Children and their families learn about energy and energy conservation as they travel through a 2,200 square foot maze.

8. **Old Business: Bill Leahy due for inspection visit in May. Town wide survey for energy audit interest? Incentive ended:**

Residents said that the \$25 audits were worthwhile. They have returned to the cost of \$75.

9. New Business:

- a. **Proposal from electric suppliers to Coventry/Hampton:**
The bids have gone out and HGEC hopes that a company can provide Hampton with discounts. Responses are expected in about a month.
- b. **Hampton Green Energy logo contest entries:**
Ms Linda Sanchini and Ms Elizabeth Lindorff are working on this at HES.
- c. **Proposals from electric suppliers to Coventry/Hampton:** see a.
- d. **Suggested change of monthly meeting date (possibly to third Wednesday of the month)**
No other Wednesday or day of the week was available at this time.
- e. **Pre-purchase of energy saving light bulbs:**
Maryellen Donnelly will seek information about LED's.
- f. **Tax Bill insert:**
Kate Donnelly presented a small form to sign up for the Clean Energy Option Program that was mailed as an insert with tax bills in another municipality. HGEC reviewed information to include as an insert with Hampton tax bills.

10. Audience For Citizens: none

11. Next Agenda Planning:

- a. Action plan to sign people up for Clean Energy Option Program
- b. Minutes
- c. Audits
- d. Light bulbs
- e. Proposal for purchase of electricity with Coventry

12. Adjournment:

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Paul Wakely seconded, to adjourn at 8:46.
Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly
Secretary