# Hampton Green Energy Committee Hampton, Connecticut Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 5, 2011 7:00 PM

### 1. Call to order

Selectman Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:15. Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne; Kate Donnelly, ex officio, First Selectman; Maryellen Donnelly; Robert Marsh; Frank Russell.

### 2. Audience for Citizens: None

### 3. Additions to the Agenda: None

### 4. Approval of Minutes: 12/1/10 & 11/3/10

**Motion:** Frank Russell moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to approve the minutes of 11/3/10 and 12/1/10. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5. New Business

### a) Report on CCEF meeting

Questions and answers presented at the December 13 information meeting will be posted on the CCEF website on January 7.

Maryellen Donnelly will contact Alteris Renewables to see if a wind study can be done in Hampton looking toward a legislative change that would allow municipalities to use CCEF grants for systems that generate electricity in one site and use it in other municipal metered sites.

#### b) Grant application status

The On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Best of Class and Public Buildings grant application requires secured financing for a project prior to application. In the case of a municipal project, the amount of the grant awarded for a system would be uncertain at the time voters must approve financing. A PPA arrangement with a company for photovoltaic on the elementary school appears to be the best use of the grant if it is financially attractive to a company. Maryellen Donnelly reported that Sun Edison said that they would contact us early in the New Year regarding Hampton's inquiry about a PPA arrangement.

#### 6. Old Business

a) Meeting Dates 2011

Meeting dates are posted on the web site.

# b) Youth groups incentives

There has been no response from youth groups.

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- c) Direct Energy sign up status, town facilities Kate Donnelly will contact the Fire Department about using Direct Energy.
- d) Commercial/Municipal PV. PPA status See 5b
- 7. Clean Energy Sign-up Campaign Action Plan status of sign ups. Hampton has earned one kW photovoltaic system. Kate Donnelly is researching the system.
- 8. Hampton Elementary School Solar Thermal System: Control system and status

Frank Russell will pursue training others in the use of data generated by monitoring the solar-thermal system that was installed on Hampton Elementary School.

- **9.** Alternative Energy Questionnaire Bob Marsh is working on this.
- 10. Energy Audits with Bill Leahy

No date has been received for an audit of the Fire House. The change in usage of electricity will be observable in bills following the use of the new photovoltaic system. Other energy saving steps can be taken.

11. Audience for Citizens None

# 12. Next Agenda Planning

Consideration of a workshop for youth in grades 5 through 8 to educate them about alternative energy systems.

Collaborative efforts to increase alternative energy systems.

# 13. Adjournment

**Motion:** Frank Russell moved, Roger Dionne seconded, to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly Secretary