

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
7:00 PM
Town Hall Selectman's Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:07. Committee members in attendance: Susan Crawford; Roger Dionne; Maryellen Donnelly; Bob Marsh; Revell Sandberg-Diment; and Paul Wakely. Also in attendance was Kate Donnelly.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add to New Business

- g. Report on Wethersfield Symposium December 19, 2011
- h. Plan for meeting of Northeast CT Task Forces

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 11-2-2011

Motion: Bob Marsh moved, Susan Crawford seconded, to approve the minutes of 11/2/11. Motion passed unanimously.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Town energy plan, discuss draft & edit. See new proposal sent out: Dec. 5, 2011

The committee reviewed the plan and added the Sun Shot Initiative and current information on firehouse and library energy audits.

Motion: Revell Sandberg-Diment moved to approve the Hampton Green Energy Plan as amended, Susan Crawford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Plan for use of \$2K funding.

Hampton is receiving an additional \$2,000 grant from the Community Innovations Grants Program (CIGP) administered by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (formerly the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund). The funds are restricted to educational use. Kate Donnelly suggested that a monitoring station at Hampton Elementary School. Discussion followed.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved that the CEFIA grant funds be expended to install a monitoring station at Hampton Elementary School to display information about energy produced, carbon emissions reduced, money saved, etc. by use of the solar-thermal system and the upcoming photovoltaic system. Paul Wakely seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Committee status, draft letter to selectmen's office.**
A draft letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding making the HGEC an ongoing committee was discussed.
- d. Water filtration system town hall.**
The water filtration system is due to be installed.
- e. Heating/ AC system for town hall**
Roger Dionne provided Selectman Bob Grindle with an estimate of the heating/AC system. Kate Donnelly provided First Selectman Allan Cahill with the single bid received for the system including ductwork.
- f. Committee personnel changes**
If the committee becomes an ongoing committee, Roger Dionne would like to be a member, but not chair.
- g. Report on Wethersfield Symposium December 19, 2011**
Kate Donnelly and Maryellen Donnelly joined other Connecticut energy task force members in a symposium called by Wethersfield. In essence, the session was sharing successes and problems of task forces. Topics of interest for many task forces were listed at the end of the symposium. One is performance contracting. Following the Wethersfield Symposium, Kate and Maryellen attended "Crash Course: Solutions!" hosted by People's Action for Clean Energy, Inc. (PACE). Among the companies and events advertised there is a Home Energy Expo free to the public. Seminars during the day include Green Roofs, Opportunities in the Green Economy, Net Zero Energy Home, Energy Efficiency Fund, and Living Off the Grid. Date: Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Enfield High School from 10 am to 3 pm. (for information visit www.EnfieldClean Energy.net)
- h. Plan for meeting of Northeast CT Task Forces**
A Northeast CT Task Force Workshop is being planned from 9am to noon, January 21, 2012 (snow date February 11, 2012) by organizer for Clean Water Action, Justin Haaheim, and Northeast CT Task Force members. Location is not yet confirmed. Among the topics are regional collaboration including performance contracting and regional renewable energy contracts, becoming an energy resilient region and task force makeup.

5. Old Business:

- a. Town hall night exterior lighting.**
Types of lighting and relative costs were discussed. No recommendation was made.
- b. Status of 1kW system earned through CT Clean Energy Community Program**
Bob Wall reports that competitive bids are being sought.

c. Energy audits for library and firehouse.

Susan Crawford reported that both the library and firehouse are interested in obtaining energy audits. Susan will provide them with contact information for the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University.

6. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

7. NEXT AGENDA PLANNING

No HGEC meetings are posted for 2012. The HGEC awaits a decision by the Board of Selectmen whether the committee will continue.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Susan Crawford seconded to adjourn at 8:57. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly