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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, MAY 12, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Commission Members Present: Bruce Hampson, Mike Lindberg, Gail Lavielle, Paula Byrdy, Karen Birck.
Commission Members Absent: Dona Pratt, Patrice Gillespie, Ron Cagenello, Richard Creeth, Hal Clark
Also Present, WGGF Steering Committee Members: Jana Bertkau, Becky Bunnell, Neil Gluckin.

1. MEETING: CALL TO ORDER

Bruce Hampson Chaired the meeting in the absence of Dona Pratt, WEC Chair.
The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm
In the absence of a quorum, a motion to accept the minutes of the Meeting of April 14, 2010 was tabled until the next meeting.

2. WILTON GO-GREEN FESTIVAL (WGGF)

Bruce Hampson extended the praise and appreciation of the Energy Commission to the Go-Green Steering Committee and all the volunteers for the outstanding success, by all measurements, of the Go-Green Festival on May 2, 2010. The efforts and performance of the Steering Co-Chairs; Becky Bunnell and Jana Bertkau plus Neil Gluckin, Debbie Hunsberger and Tracy Taylor were specifically commended.

3. FESTIVAL REVIEW

Becky Bunnell and Neil Gluckin presented the results of surveys from the exhibitors and the volunteers.

Highlights:

- Quality of exhibitor communication 100% Positive
- Ease of Check-in 97.2% Positive
- Quality of support during event 90% Positive
- Quality of Publicity 100% Positive
- Would you consider exhibiting again? 88.4% Yes , 9.3% Maybe

The best estimate of total attendance is in excess of 1000.

Financial: Becky gave a preliminary financial report. It appears that the Festival will have a small surplus.

Where to next?:

There was a brief discussion regarding the roles of the WGGF and the Energy Commission going forward. It was suggested that this discussion take place after a scheduled planning session of the Energy Commission was completed.

4. BRIEF UPDATES

a. Sterling Planet Contract – Michael Lindberg

Mike reviewed the results of the Sterling Planet agreement that was signed in 2007. Given a combination of the conservation measures that Wilton has implemented, together with a lower cost of procurement for Class I electrical energy, the town has identified a credit of approximately \$3,415. Sterling Planet has agreed to apply this toward our current fiscal year contract as well as the upcoming 2010-2011 fiscal year. Details are being finalized for presentation to the BOS on May 17th and the BOF on May 18th.

b. ARRA Grant – Bruce Hampson

Bruce and Dona Pratt have had several meetings with the Town leaders who will be most involved with executing the Grant process.

Bill Brennan has selected the Town employee who will co-ordinate the process. Another meeting of that group is scheduled for Friday May 21, 2010.

c. Earth Markets – Michael Lindberg

Mike reported that no decision has been made regarding this program grant that would engage the entire town in a campaign to reduce energy consumption and emissions.

d. CT Energy Bill , SB-493- Bruce Hampson

Bruce detailed the contents of this omnibus Energy and Technology bill that was passed by the CT Senate and House and awaits the Governor's decision. The Commission has not taken a formal position on the bill because of the compressed time for a review. Bruce encouraged all members, as private

individuals, to ask the Governor, by e-mail or phone, to sign the legislation if they agree with its provisions.

e. **SWRPA / HVCEO RT 7 TRANSPORTATION & LAND SURVEY USE STUDY.**

Mike and Gail attended the first portion of the SWRPA / HVCEO meeting Tuesday evening at the Wilton Library. It appears the two organizations had not engaged Wilton's P&Z Commission in scheduling the hearing and have limited knowledge of the recently published POCD. Mike encouraged all commission members to log onto the "route7study" website and share their views re the need to incorporate the POCD and transportation priorities into the study. Mike will send out background information to all commission members.

5. PLANNING SESSION

Dona Pratt, Chair, had suggested the date of May 22 or June 12 for a Saturday Planning Session to map out future goals and activity for the Wilton Energy Commission.

The following agenda items were postponed due to lack of a quorum and will be addressed during the Planning Session

1. Logo for the WEC
2. Wilton Energy Plan
3. Role and relationship of a separate Go-Green Committee with the Energy Commission.
4. Role of the WEC in advocacy.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm