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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION

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## **WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION**

**June 30, 2011**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Call to order at 7:10 pm**

Commission Members Present: Karen Birck, Paula Byrdy, Patrice Gillespie, Bruce Hampson, Mike Lindberg, Dona Pratt

Commission Members Absent: Hal Clark, Richard Creeth, Paul Mazzarulli

#### **1. Minutes of meeting on May 26, 2011 approved**

#### **2. Organization Assignments**

Bruce Hampson proposed assignments for organization of the Energy Commission:

- **Communication:** Web Site - Dona Pratt  
Archives/Documentation of WEC accomplishments requires volunteer
- **Transportation:** TBD
- **Building and Energy:** Richard Creeth and Patrice Gillespie

#### **3. Wilton "Clean Energy Community" Renewal**

Bruce reported that the target is 30% by 2015 for clean energy; the interim target for 2013 was voted and approved and will be attained with REC purchases. The Energy Commission will recommend that the BOS approve those purchases on August 1, 2011.

#### **4. Legislative Action**

Bruce discussed 2 bills:

SB 1243 creates an energy department combined with environmental protection as the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

SB 1157 restores CEEF funds that were diverted previously.

#### **5. Reports/ Updates by Bruce**

- a) **ARRA Energy Efficiency Grant** - Bruce reported on the progress of the Energy upgrades funded by this grant
- b) **Free Solar" Town Hall / Library** - Bruce and Paula Byrdy met with Bill Brennan to brief him on the proposal from DCS Energy to install solar panels on Town Hall, the Library, and Middlebrook and Cider Mill Schools. Both the Library and the schools have approved the agreement. Bill Brennan approved and signed the agreement for DCS to proceed with a site inspection of Town Hall. Ken Bernard has approved the installation contract that will be signed if the Town decides to proceed.
- c) **Comstock / CL&P / Energy Upgrades** - CL&P will review Comstock and estimate the potential rebates. with savings as much as 40% of the total electrical cost. On-bill financing is being considered.

- d) **Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge** - Bruce has invited Roger Smith to the Wilton Go Green meeting on 7/6/11 to discuss future plans for N2N and Wilton concerns since funds may be depleted for HES for oil-heated homes.

#### **6. WGG Financial Report**

Paula Byrdy reported on the financial status of the WGG Festival of 2011. The current net total of \$13,806 will fund future WGG programs.

#### **7. Wilton Energy Consumption Reports**

Patrice Gillespie discussed the work she has done under the sponsorship of the Tremaine Foundation to document energy usage across a number of CT communities, including Wilton. Her charts allow comparisons across facilities for both electrical and heating fuel usage and costs. Mike Lindberg suggested interviewing other towns to find out how they are successful in collecting and using this data both physically and managerially.

#### **8. "On the Radar"**

- a) Bruce noted that Woodcock Nature Center is initiating plans to make their main building a model for clean energy and sustainable practices. They envision it becoming a demonstration project and meeting venue for the town.
- b) Dona Pratt noted that new, up-to-date, content is needed on the web site.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27 at the Library. The primary subject will be the Energy Bill SB 1243. Gail Lavielle and others have agreed to speak.**

**Meeting concluded at 9:15pm.**

**Submitted by Paula Byrdy  
July 13, 2011**