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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting - April 29, 2015 Library, Presidents Room 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Members Present: Bruce Hampson - Chairman, Peter Wrampe - Vice Chair, Gil Bray, Richard Creeth, Patrice Gillespie, Rob Sanders.

Members Absent: Glenn Hemmerle, Debra Thompson - Van, Vice Chair.

Guests Present: Eve Silverman, WGG; Mark Robbins

- 1. Chairman Hampson called the Meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
- 2. Peter Wrampe moved and Richard Creeth seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. EPA Benchmarking Program: Richard Creeth reported that Eversource Energy (CL&P) had still not provided all the electrical data that was required to complete the Wilton High School and other building profiles. The most recent data still did not include all the electrical meters requested. Richard remains hopeful that the missing data will be forthcoming soon. On a positive note, Richard met with Ken Post, Director, Financial Planning & Operations for the Schools to brief him on the Benchmarking effort. Ken agreed, once the process is perfected, to have his staff input the Schools monthly data in the EPA Benchmarking data base. The next step will be for the Commission to determine how best to use the data to effect Energy Savings for the Schools and Municipality.
- 4. C PACE / CEFIA: Mark Robbins reported on the changes recently announced by CEFIA including a name change to the Green Bank. Going forward, their mission will be to provide long term loans to increase private investment in Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency.
 - Minimum loan \$100,000, non-recourse, off balance sheet. Most attractive for non-profit entities.
 - Mark updated the Commission on the firms & organizations that our outreach effort had contacted. Most Commercial firms that did invest in efficiency will use private funding.
 - Several local "non-profit" entities are still looking to participate in C-PACE.

- 5. W.G.G. Report: Eve Silverman, Patrice Gillespie.
 - Eve reported on a new "No-Idle" campaign that the W.G.G plans to implement in the Fall and asked for the support and endorsement of the Commission.
 - Eve reported that the State has a "No-Idle" mandate for private vehicles and school buses. She outlined the planned elements of the campaign which would begin with the Board of Selectman (BOS) proclaiming a town wide "No-Idle" campaign that would include placing "No-Idle" signs at strategic locations. Bruce Hampson suggested that the W.G.G secure the endorsement and participation of the Schools and major commercial organizations before bringing the plan to the BOS.
 - The Commission, by consensus, agreed to support the plan.
 - Patrice Gillespie reported that the Commission will have a location at the Green Festival on Sunday, May 3. Richard Creeth and Peter Wrampe agreed to represent the Commission with Patrice. Chair Hampson thanked Patrice for doing so.
- 6. Commission Website: Peter Wrampe. Peter Wrampe shared the minutes of the April 4 meeting of the "Website" Committee with the full Commission. Peter, Richard Creeth, Rob Sanders and Debra Thompson -Van met to outline a plan to up-date the Commission Website. All agreed that it was the proper approach. Bruce Hampson reported that John Savarese, Wilton IT Manager, agreed to host the site and might provide some assistance. Richard Creeth, Peter Wrampe and Bruce Hampson will meet with John before proceeding with the plan.
- 7. Wilton Energy Commission Goals & Objectives: Gil Bray reported on his review of past such plans and outlined an approach that would be in keeping with the Mission of the Commission, be realistic and achievable. ... and provide a visible road for members and the public. It would also recognize that much of our wok is opportunistic and at the request of the Selectmen.
 - Gill will begin by creating a listing of initiatives with "owners' .. The Commission can then work to finalize .
- 8. Yankee Gas (Eversource): Chairman Hampson reported that the Board of Selectmen had approved the contract with Eversource to provide natural gas to Miller Driscoll School. A town contribution is required and will be funded from construction cost savings and continuing operational energy savings..
- 9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 27, 2015
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectively submitted: Bruce Hampson