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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting, Wednesday June 24, 2015
Library, Presidents Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Hampson: Chair; Peter Wrampe : Vice Chair; Debra Thompson - Van : Vice Chair; Gil Bray.

Members Absent: Richard Creeth, Patrice Gillespie, Glen Hemmerle, Rob Sanders.

1. Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. Peter Wrampe moved and Debra Thompson-Van seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2015 Meeting . The motion was approved unanimously.
3. W.G.G. Report : "No Idle" Campaign . Chairman Hampson reported that he, Peg Koellmer: WGG President, Eve Silverman and Alex Scaperotta met with First Selectman Bill Brennan on June 17 to gain his support for the No Idle Campaign. Bill supports the Campaign and will ask the Board of Selectmen to do the same at their meeting of July 6.
 - Bill urged WGG to begin an information / publicity campaign during the summer rather than wait for a formal launch in the Fall.
4. EPA Benchmarking Program Status: Richard Creeth. No report.
5. Wilton Energy Commission - Goals & Objectives: Gil Bray gave the Chairman a summary listing of the "owners" of the Commission's Goals & Initiatives for 2015. The goals are subject to modification and additions as the year progresses. (A listing is attached with these minutes)
6. Energy Commission Website up-date. Peter Wrampe reported that he was unable to access the website to edit and update. He will need to get access details from Richard Creeth when Richard returns from vacation.

7. Solarize Wilton Status: Commissioner Debra Thompson-Van distributed a summary of the history and current status of Solar in Wilton and the CT Solarize program. Commissioner Thompson - Van anticipates that the State program will be implemented this year, subject to budget concerns and timing.
 - Debra Thompson-Van led a spirited discussion of the CT program details and an alternative Wilton approach if the State does not go forward or does so too late for a viable effort in Wilton.
 - A very tentative date for the kick-off of a Solarize Wilton Program is September 16, 2015. Bruce Hampson outlined the Municipal approval process of a State program and cautioned that little time remained to complete that process to meet a September 16 date.
 - Bruce Hampson asked Debra Thompson-Van to research the sunset date for the 30% Federal tax incentive for homeowners Solar and the details of the CT State Solar incentive in 2015 and 2016. (separate from the Solarize Program). That information may have a direct impact on the Solar initiative for Wilton.
 - Debra asked that the target date for a decision to go with the State or a local Wilton plan be at the next meeting of the Wilton Energy Commission on July 22, 2015.
8. Yankee Gas Status Report : Bruce Hampson reported that Eversource has begun to lay pipe and will complete the line to the Miller Driscoll school by mid August.
9. New Business: Chair Hampson reported that Rob Sanders will step down from the Commission due to Family, Business and other volunteer commitments. The Commission thanks Rob for his valuable contribution to the work of the Energy Commission.
10. Schedule of next Meeting : July 22 , 2015
11. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted: Bruce Hampson