

ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting, Wednesday July 22, 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; Patrice Gillespie; Gil Bray.

Members Absent : Richard Creeth; Glen Hemmerle

1. Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm
2. Peter Wrampe moved and Gil Bray seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 22, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously
3. Peter Wrampe reported on the status of his initiative to update and expand the Energy Commission Website. Peter was able to access the Website to make changes and add content. He again asked Members to provide him with the feedback and information that he has asked for. *(That list is attached and made part of these minutes.)*
4. DEEP & Environmental Community Up-Date : Patrice Gillespie gave a very complete and comprehensive report on the following. *(Patrice's notes and handouts are attached and made part of these minutes)*
 - Governor's Council on Climate Change: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 15 in Hartford, CT. The public is invited.
 - CT Clean Energy Communities up-date
 - Wilton has earned another Bright Ideas Grant worth \$10,000 and a Renewable Energy Grant worth \$4,500. The Commission must recommend an Energy Conservation use of these funds for the Board of Selectmen to consider and approve.
 - MTA / EPA / Facility ASHRAE 1 Audit. Wilton has earned, by virtue of Richard Creeth's EPA Benchmarking initiative, to receive an ASHRAE 1 Energy Audit of a Wilton Facility of our designation. The Commissioners will need to so designate.
 - The Wilton Energy Commission will host a Southwest CT Energy Efficiency workshop on Thursday September 3, 2015 in the Brubeck Room of the Wilton Library. Eversource will present the workshop, which is not open to the public. Energy task forces and committees in Southwest CT are invited.

5. Solarize Wilton Program Status : Debra Thompson-Van reported that Bob Wall of the CT Green Bank has committed to run another CT Energize program. The exact date and details of the program are not yet available. The "Kick-Off" a Solar event , tentatively schedule for Wednesday September 16 will need to be postponed until details are known
6. NO IDLE Campaign: Bruce Hampson reported that the Board of Selectman unanimously approved designating Wilton as a "No Idle" Community at their July 6, 2015 meeting. The Energy Commission stands to assist the W.G.G as needed during the publicity campaign
7. New Business: Bruce Hampson reported on a candidate for Commission membership: Christina Lampe-Onnerud. Christina will be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen on September 12, 2015.
8. Schedule of next Meeting : August 26, 2015
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

WEC – Updating of Website

Page and Header	Link	Action	Who
Home Page			
1. Commission Mission statement	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/	Confirm that the statement is up to date	pw (with Bruce's support)
2. Please consider joining us		Review and modify as needed	Richard
3. From our inception in 2007		Bring up to date	Peter (have received all necessary input from Bruce)
4. Miscellaneous on bottom		Confirm and/or replace info and/or pictures	Peter
Links We Like			
1. Clean Energy Signups	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/links-to-resources/clean-energy-signups	Confirm and/or replace info	Patrice
2. Home Energy Efficiency	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/links-to-resources/home-energy-efficiency	Confirm and/or replace info	Patrice
3. Commercial Energy Efficiency	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/links-to-resources/commercial	Update, especially w/CPACE	Debra
4. Renewable Energy Sources	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/links-to-resources/renewable-energy-sources	Populate this empty page	Peter
5. Wilton Energy Audits/Reports	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/links-to-resources/wilton-energy-audits-reports	Populate this empty page	Richard
News	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/news	Review and modify as needed	WEC (next meeting)
Green Legislation	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/green-legislation	Review and modify as needed	Patrice and/or Richard
Contact us	http://www.wiltonenergy.org/contact-us	Done	pw reviewed and updated on 7/8

Wilton Energy Commission meeting July 22, 2015
Updates from Patrice Gillespie

LOCAL ACTIONS —

1. Clean Energy Communities (CEC) newsletter, July

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=d1258ef6-2c81-489a-b4f4-a6f6d6d050ed&c=8c7d96d0-5365-11e3-a1ef-d4ae52a459cd&ch=8d14a6b0-5365-11e3-a2a2-d4ae52a459cd>

This newsletter references a **Southwest CT Energy Efficiency workshop**, which has now been scheduled in the Wilton Library's Brubeck Room on Thursday evening, Sept 3rd, 6:30-8:30pm. Energy Task Force members, BoE members and other municipal representatives from the region will be invited — next week — by Eversource staffers. Agenda to come. **WEC is the official co-host; please do your best to attend.**

Note that Wilton is the location for the first of Eversource's five regional workshops being held this September.

2. Update on Wilton's "Clean Energy Communities" standing

<http://www.ctenergydashboard.com/CEC/Town.aspx?CECTownID=161>

- **Energy Efficiency:** We have earned another 102 points and thus, another \$10,000 Bright Ideas Grant, per June 30th points just tabulated.

- Redemption PPT and Discussion

- Letter of Intent and the Agreement for First Selectman to sign.

- **Renewable Energy:** As of June 30th, we actually have earned 456.5 points.

To settle this account, the CT Green Bank is awarding Wilton a \$4,500 grant. Snail-mail info is being sent tomorrow to Bill Brennan, with guidelines for redemption: solar-powered lighting and trenching, solar-powered trash compactor, Energy Efficiency projects, Renewable Energy projects and alternative fuel vehicles are all eligible.

- **Municipal Action Plan:** Data from our SBS Energy Management Plan can be brought into Eversource's templates and be made "live," to be reviewed annually.

STATE-LEVEL ACTIONS INCLUDE . . .

1. Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3)

- DEEP's new climate czar Keri Kato reports directly to Commissioner Klee

- Effort is underway to create a new Climate Action Plan, the first one having been completed in 2005. A CT Fund for the Environment (CFE) [newsletter](#) highlights the details, and CFE's informative 24-minute podcast posted is here:

<https://greencitiesbluewaters.wordpress.com/2015/07/14/keeping-it-green-ep-10-latest-in-climate-news-governor-malloys-gc3-the-popes-encyclical/>

The next open-to-the-public meeting of the Governor's Council on Climate Change is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, from 2-4pm. Hartford location TBA.

2. [SustainableCT](#) and [Sustainable Jersey](#) initiatives are among the topics that were covered in this past Saturday's Climate Action 2.0 conference in Wallingford. Some terrific new sustainability rating systems for munis are being designed...

3. **Thursday, September 17th Summit in Middletown at Middlesex Community College**, hosted by the **Institute for Sustainable Energy** — Lynn Stoddard, Director.

Please contact me (Patrice) for more info and if you wish to carpool to this, or to the GC3 meeting on the 15th!