

ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting, Wednesday September 23, 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; Patrice Gillespie, Glenn Hemmerle

Members Absent : Christina Lampe- Onnerud, Debra Thompson-Van

Guests : Jana Bertkau, Vice President Wilton Go-Green ; Christopher Burney , Wilton Director of Facilities and Energy Management.

1. Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm
 - Chairman Hampson introduced Christopher Burney , Wilton's new Director of Facilities and Energy Management. Mr. Burney will report to the First Selectman and have responsibility for the strategic planning, energy conservation and project coordination for Municipal and School Facilities.
 - Chairman Hampson reported that the Board of Selectman at their September 21, 2015 Meeting appointed Christina Lampe-Onnerud to the Energy Commission. Ms Lampe-Onnerud was not able to attend due to previous travel obligations.
2. Peter Wrampe moved and Gil Bray seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26 , 2015 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously .
3. Solarize Wilton Plan : Up date & Status : Bruce Hampson
 - Debra Thompson - Van will lead this program for the Energy Commission . Debra was out of town. Chairman Hampson reported that he is still waiting for Smart Power to provide the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Selectmen and Smart Power.
 - Jana Bertkau confirmed that the W.G.G will assist with the outreach and marketing to the residential community.

4. Jana Bertkau gave the Wilton Go-Green Report.
 - The No-Idling Campaign will kick -off on November 16. School students will hand out flyers to drivers explaining the initiative and the reason. No Idling signs will be placed at Schools and other strategic locations.
 - The Go Green Festival will again be held the first Sunday in May and include several new features.
 - The Home Energy Survey (HES) program continues with great success. Over 21% of home owners have had an HES. A total of more than \$6,000 has been donated by the HES contractors and given to the Norwalk Valley River Trail
5. Energy Commission Website : Peter Wrampe showed the Commission the excellent progress on bringing our website up to date . Peter stated that the work is 80% complete . Some graphics and photos are the next initiative.
6. EPA Benchmarking Status : Richard Creeth reported on his progress with the EPA Portfolio Manager Benchmarking program. Richard showed the High School data and graphics . It has been a long difficult process to secure correct data for Eversource. Richard discussed some anomalies with scoring and other issues within the EPA program. Hampson said that he would attempt to find a resource that could help answer the concerns.
 - Energy Audit of Town Hall : Our EPA Benchmarking effort has earned Wilton an ASHRAE 1 energy audit of Town Hall. Patrice Gillespie will determine when that will occur.
7. DEEP & Environmental Community Up-Date : Patrice Gillespie
 - CT Clean Energy Communities up-date
 - "Bright Ideas" & Renewable Energy Grant - \$14,500 : Patrice Gillespie reported that the Renewable grant (\$4,500) is underfunded and may not be available when we are ready to claim it.
 - Chairman Hampson will contact a contractor certified by Eversource and begin the process to develop the cost & energy savings to re-lamp Town Hall with LED.
 - Patrice showed the Commission the Power Point presentation of the Eversource Energy Efficiency workshop that she brought to Wilton on September 3, 2015 . Hampson and Gillespie were the major speakers.
 - Patrice distributed a page from the 2014 Energy Efficiency Council Report that included Wilton's performance . Wilton exceeds most towns of comparable size in taking advantage of the energy reduction and clean energy programs available from the State.
8. Schedule of next Meeting : October 28 , 2015
9. Chairman Hampson reflected on his eight (8) year tenure on the Commission and five (5) years as Chair. Bruce announced that he would step down as Chair not later than November 30. He noted that the Board of Selectmen reserves the authority to select the Chair and he will make a recommendation to the First Selectman. Bruce invited members who would be interested in serving as Chair to let him know.
- 10 . The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm