

Wilton Energy Commission
Meeting Minutes for January 29, 2009

Attendance:

Commission Members Present: Mike Lindberg (via telephone), Rust Muirhead, Bruce Hampson, Richard Creeth, Hal Clark, Ron French (arrived 7:25)

Commission Members Absent: Jim Furnivall, Ron Cagenello, Mitchell Reichgut

Also Present: Donna Pratt (P&Z), Patrice Gillespie (Wilton Conservation Commission), Courtney Forrester (via telephone – ICLEI)

Meeting:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Richard Creeth.
- Bruce Hampson introduced Courtney Forrester, Program Officer, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).
- Ms. Forrester gave a webinar on the benefits of ICLEI membership for the town of Wilton
 - Mission is to get local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase sustainability
 - Provides Emissions Analysis Software and Decision Support Tool
 - Area membership includes Westport, Weston, Stamford
 - Town Requirements:
 - BOS Resolution
 - Two designated ICLEI liaisons: one elected and one town employee
 - \$600 yearly membership fee
- Following Ms. Forrester's presentation there was a discussion about the value of an ICLEI membership for Wilton.
 - General agreement that it was worth \$600 to gain access to reports and other resources, including the potential for ICLEI assistance in gaining CL&P data.
 - There was not a consensus as to whether the town should develop an emissions baseline analysis using the ICLEI software and approach. Because the ICLEI methodology uses estimates as well as actual results and examines indirect (i.e. Rte 7 traffic) as well direct emissions, some members felt the need to talk to towns that have completed the process before making a commitment for Wilton.
- Building Committee Report (Bruce Hampson)
 - High School Renovation Project.
 - Bids received January 23 and are being evaluated
 - Project came in under budget.
 - Will be reviewed at BOS Mtg. 2/2/2009
 - Benchmarking Project:
 - Results presented to the BOS on January 5.

- Bill Brennan requested a proposal from an Energy Re-Commissioning firm to identify Energy conservation remedies for all the buildings bench marked.
 - Strategic Building Solutions. LLC has agreed to submit a proposal to the BOS by next week to do this work.
- Institute for Sustainable Energy
 - Bill Leahy and three interns came to Wilton January 8 and trained School and Town Staff how to input data and use the EPA Portfolio Management software as an Energy Management tool.
 - Sean O'Toole will "own" the process for the School District
 - The Town has not yet designated someone for this role.
 - Bill Leahy agreed to input fiscal '08 energy data for the schools and that work is almost complete.
- Clean Energy Signups: Web site shows 180 vs. 205 reported by Bob Wall at the 12/18 meeting.
- Rust Muirhead moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008. Hal Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Next Meeting: Thursday February 19, 2009
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by
Rust Muirhead