

Minutes of the Woodbridge Clean Energy Community Task Force (WCECTF)

The meeting was held on Monday January 15, 2007 - 7:30 PM
at the home of Jim Sabshin, 14 Ledge Road, Woodbridge

Members present:

Jonathan Gorham (Chair)
Dr. James Sabshin
Joseph Adelizzi
Sharon de Kadt
Sandra Stein
Andy Danzig

Agenda:

The Town's commitment to clean energy
 Goals and Objectives
 The composition of our Committee
 New Members - introductions
Town review of possible PV (photovoltaic) installation on several buildings
A \$5,000 grant for CT Clean Energy
Activities in Bethany
Other Business

Discussion:

The members introduced themselves and explained their individual interests in serving on the Task Force. The group reviewed a consulting proposal presented by Westport Solar. This was a Phase I: Feasibility Study to analyze the prospect of installing solar PVs on four Town buildings.

Follow Up – Action Items:

The following ideas were discussed as follow-up actions for the committee:

1. Send letter to Board of Selectmen prior to their Feb 11th meeting) stating that the WCECTF would be drafting a Request for Proposal (RFQ) that it would send back to the Westport Solar Consultants and to half a dozen other qualified PV installers. The WCECTF advises the Town Board of Selectmen to wait until the RFQ process is completed by the WCECTF before entering into a contract with any PV contractor. (Jon G.)
2. Attend January 22nd meeting in Hartford for Town to get \$5,000 grant for energy education. Jon and Joe will go. (Jon G. and Joe A.)
3. Set a timetable for getting PVs installed – Thanksgiving 2008 (Sharon de K)
4. Investigate the prospect of purchasing Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs to give away to town people who sign up for CT Clean Energy (Investigate cost of bulk purchase of CFLs at Home Depot/Costco) (Sandra S.)
5. Develop a comprehensive plan for marketing the CT Clean Energy Options campaign, i.e. getting townspeople to sign up for electrical energy that comes from the utilities but is generated from renewable sources, like wind and land fill gas. (Whole group)

- a. Do a mailing to Town residents on how to save energy
 - b. Conduct seminars at the Library (Show Kilowatt Ours” movie
 - c. Develop a web site
 - d. DO web based marketing and education
 - e. Invite others in the Town to brainstorm ideas for conservation and use of renewables
 - f. Develop a Town Clean Energy Vision Statement
6. Investigate the purchase forty copies of “Inconvenient Truth” (Sandra S.)
 7. Attend Bethany’s educational series on “Clean Energy” and then coordinate with them on other educational efforts, i.e. at the Woodbridge library, at Beech Road School, etc. (Sharon de .K)
 8. Invite Bethany folks to come to our next meeting Feb 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall. (Jim S.)
 9. Do a baseline study of what the Town now spends on energy, including for vehicles. John and Karen work with Joe at town Hall. (Joe A.)
 10. Compile a list in energy conservation educational materials (Andy D.)
 11. Investigate what other Towns are doing on the Clean Energy topic (Sarah S.)
 12. Speak with United Illuminating about possible help on speeding up the retro-fit of Town buildings (Joe. A.)
 13. Send to Sandra the “This Old House of Worship” materials – an energy conservation program that Jon’s Meeting (New Haven Friends Meeting) help in the Fall of 2006. This as a great program for churches, synagogues and other communities of faith to learn about energy conservation and global warming. (Jon. G.)

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 7, 2007 at 7:30 PM Town Hall
(Call Gerry to arrange)