

Wallingford Energy Conservation Commission  
September 21, 2009  
Town Hall Room #315 @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Mike Brodinsky, Bill Pursell, John Bradley, Darren Novak, Sharon Mooney, John Lynch, Ben Martin, Bruce Blakey, Chris Smith and special guest Rick Henderschott, general manager of the electric division.

Rick explained that CMEEC developed an RFP for a preliminary site evaluation involving all the schools. It was issued and three firms responded. Mike Casella of CMEEC is talking to the lowest bidder. It will probably be retained very soon. The CMEDC/PUC has freed up \$40,000, but the bid is for \$50,000. The PUC will talk to the school superintendent and hopefully get another \$10,000 before the end of November. If not, the bidder will scale back its services, but that will not impact in any serious way the usefulness of the study.

The firm will be engaged to develop a game plan for going forward: What improvements should be done in each of the schools based upon what will be the most cost effective? What will be the estimated cost of the work.

That will be presented to the Board of Ed, probably in time for its preparation of the 2010-2011 budget which is prepared in the winter '09-'10 and adopted in the spring of 2010.

Darren needs some new roofs for some schools and he wants to coordinate asap. Rick will arrange it.

Rick described a fundraiser for some PTO's. They get energy efficient light bulbs from the PUC free and sell them.

The PUC has now adopted a policy that establishes the same sustainable energy programs for Wallingford (e.g. solar, hydrothermal) that the Clean Energy Fund has for towns served by the private utilities.

The group discussed some possible projects for the future: Promoting the PUC's home energy audit program; following up on the school program; a booth at Taste of Wallingford; community awareness programs re: energy conservation; bench marking buildings in general government (non-BOE); watching the development of any police station / fire house for energy efficiency; purchasing

department policies. Sub-committees could be formed again with sub-committee co-chairs.

We would hold our next meeting in Oct. and continue to develop ideas for 2010-2011.

Mike said that he will not be co-chair next year and the group needs to develop new leadership. Mike suggested a rotating system where a co-chair becomes a chair at determined intervals (e.g. 2-year terms?)

Mike will contact all and ask, confidentially, who would like to be chair/co-chair. If there is more than one interested, we will figure it out somehow. We have time to do that.

The meeting adjourned at about 8 p.m.

Draft Minutes prepared by Mike Brodinsky on 9/23/09.

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Mike Brodinsky