

Wallingford Energy Conservation Commission

Sept 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Room #116

45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT

Attendees: John Lynch, Sharon Mooney, Mary Mushinsky, Bill Pursell, Ben Martin

The meeting was commenced at 7:10 PM.

The commission discussed way to expand membership and updating the membership information. Meeting minutes of July 25, 2011 were approved. John Lynch gave an update on the work of the school roof committee. The committee has had several meetings including ones with the architects chosen, Silver Petricelli. They are experienced with solar installations and have spent time studying green roofs in Sweden. Both of these options cause complications because they may need additional support built in for the weight. The committee also researched solar systems and found that the state would pay 50% of cost but the pay back was still 17 or 18 years. Mary suggested looking into solar hot water because it is less expensive.

Mary talked with Roger Dann from the Wallingford Water Division on Sept 12th about implementing energy savings measures. They have implemented multiple pumps to only run them in demand and can modify the efficiency settings. They are sending a report to the WECC on their energy cutting measures.

Sharon reported on talking to Rick Hendershot about the town building audits. He reported that the energy use data was difficult to collect and was nearly complete. When the data is complete it will be forwarded to CMEEC and the Institute of Sustainable Energy to produce the benchmark report. After walkthroughs are done these reports will be sent to the department heads. The commission discussed offering our help in implementing measures to save energy.

The commission discussed the PACE program for funding renewable and efficiency upgrades to residential homes. The program is not currently available because of legal objections from the Federal Housing department. The commission also discussed planning a presentation for Earth Day 2012 and how it must be planned soon. Members will be sharing ideas to start planning soon.

Finally members discussed following up with the mayor with a plan to assist town departments in implementing energy saving measures.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20.