

Town of Wallingford Energy Conservation Committee
Wallingford Town Hall Room 315 7:30 p.m.
October 20, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Blakey, John Bradley, Mike Brodinsky, John Lynch, Ben Martin, Sharon Mooney, Mary Mushinsky, Darrin Novak, Bill Pursell, Colin Ryan, Mary Williams

Members Absent: Bob Avery, Craig Cassella, Dan LeGrand, Lisa-Anne Mowerson, Chris Smith, Mike Spiteri

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

The minutes of the September meeting were approved without amendment.

Co- Chair Report: Mike had spoken with Rick Hendershot at DPUC about the idea of conserving energy used o street lights. Mike said he thought the total cost of lighting the streets in Wallingford is \$300,000 and he thought the cost was borne by Wallingford Electric. Rick indicated that the payback on such a project would not be significant and there were bigger projects to tackle. Mike had also spoken with Nexegen, which is an auditing and energy conservation company. Wallingford Electric knew of this firm and recommended it. Nexegen indicated they were willing to perform audits on two schools at no cost to the Town.

Follow-Up: Mike agreed to find a list of all Town buildings to give to the Committee. John Lynch to talk to Joel Reinbold about whether Joel would input data from the school building inventory in order to benchmark the schools against some norm.

Wind Group: Ban and Mary reported that the geography of Connecticut (particularly central Connecticut) is not conducive to cost efficient wind power generation. They agreed to look at the building inventory to see if any building location may be an exception to that but they suspected no town building was a viable site.

Solar: Ros reported that for her home project in New Hampshire, the solar installation had a 20-year payback.

Follow-Up: Ros to talk to other solar producers to see if the same payback exists for Wallingford Town buildings. Ros also agreed to investigate the solar panel that the Library installed. Mary Mushinsky agreed to get State grant information on energy conservation to the Committee.

Fuel Cells: John and Darren discussed the visit of Eric Robie from UTC Fuel Cells to the schools in Wallingford. Eric was looking into the possibility of hooking into a gas line at Sheehan. Once we have the energy inventory of the schools done, UTC would work on a Fuel Cell proposal for us.

Darren indicated he would have the energy inventory sheets completed for all schools by the next meeting.

Other Items: Bruce Blakely agreed to take on the LEED standards issue. John Bradley indicated we should have a group look at appliance purchasing for efficiency. Mike Brodinsky stated he would talk to Sal Amadeo about whether energy efficiency is included in purchasing decisions. We revised the list of Committee members who were associated with specific study topics. See the attached list.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Draft Minutes
Prepared by John Bradley,

And signed electronically by
John Bradley on 10/23/08

Draft Study Group Roster

(revised to 10/22/08)

Energy Auditing Study Group

Mike Spiteri
John Bradley
Sharon Mooney
John Lynch
Lisa-Anne Soucy-Mowerson

Methane Study Group

Ben Martin
Mary Williams
Colin Ryan

Solar Study Group

Ros Page
Dan LeGrand

Fuel Cell Study Group

Bill Pursell
John Lynch
Darren Novak

Fleet Management Study Group

Dan LeGrand
Ben Martin

Government Relations

Chris Smith
Mary Mushinsky

LEED/New Public Construction

Bruce Blakey

Public Education/Outreach

Ros Page
Lisa-Anne Soucy-Mowerson
Sharon Mooney