

Town of Wallingford Energy Conservation Committee
Wallingford Town Hall Room 116 7:30 p.m.
November 17, 2008

Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Blakey, John Bradley, Mike Brodinsky, John Lynch, Ben Martin, Bill Pursell, Dan LeGrand, Mike Spiteri, Chris Smith, Nick Economopolis

Members Absent: Craig Cassella, Lisa-Anne Mowerson, Bob Avery, Sharon Mooney, Darrin Novak, Colin Ryan, Mary Mushinsky, Mary Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Co- Chair Report: Mike spoke with the PUC about solar projects. If the committee can demonstrate reasonable payback time we may be able to get a grant for 1/3 of the cost. Also RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) may be able to provide some funding. Chris Smith was able to provide more info.

The initiative is designed as a way to cap carbon emissions for regional governments. An auction of carbon credits took place in October creating a Clean Energy Fund that is to be used for regional projects. The regulations are still being drafted but are being reviewed monthly.

ISO Money may be available to support energy projects. Resources will be available to create a demonstration of proposed solar projects when we are ready to propose one.

Mike also reported that Darren Novak is days away from completing the building forms to submit for analysis. This data will be useful for many people including Eric Robie, who can use it to investigate using Fuel Cells.

Don Rowe reported to Mike that the town has investigated using landfill methane for energy previously and found it not to be viable. He is going to find the files with the results and provide it to the committee.

The town purchasing department has no environmental standards. We may be able to suggest a environmental policy for the purchasing department.

Joel Rhinebold of UTC reported that he was not aware of any free audits, that most audits are performed with the stipulation that the company performing them will receive a percentage of the savings from the audit.

Adam Briscowski would like the monthly electric bills for town buildings and if possible bills based on individual meters. With this information he could analyze the patterns of energy use.

Bruce Blakey prepared a report on the LEED standards, Cogeneration, and community conservation programs.

Ideas for Public Outreach were discussed.
August Minutes were approved.

Regional Performance Grants may be available for proposed projects because Wallingford is a member of the South Central Council of Government (COG)

Research needs to be done into whether it would be viable to purchase natural gas vehicles and install apparatus to refill them.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 15 in Room 316. Moving the meeting time to 7:00 PM was discussed and will be proposed (via email) to the entire committee.

Draft Minutes
Prepared by Ben Martin

11/20/08

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