

Town of Durham

Clean Energy Task Force
2nd Floor Meeting Room
Durham, CT 06422

MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2009 MEETING

Present: Jen Muir, Ralph Chase, Paul Griese, Sandy Kalinowski, Lorrie Martin, Susan Michael

Absent: Katharine Conroy, Tom Starr

Coginchaug Regional High School students, Hannah Bober and Zak Kowalski were unable to attend due to AP Testing this week.

The meeting was **called to order** by Jen Muir, Chairman at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Minutes: March 9, 2009 Special Meeting (Rescheduled due to weather)
April 13, 2009 Meeting**

Ralph Chase motions. Sandy Kalinowski seconds to approve, without amendment, the minutes of both Clean Energy Task Force meetings. **Approved unanimously.**

2. Approval of the Agenda

Sandy Kalinowski made a **motion to approve the Agenda** of the Clean Energy Task Force for the month of May. Ralph Chase seconded the motion which was **approved unanimously.**

3. Brochures

Paul will be contacting Jesse Rosenbaum of Community Energy in an attempt to investigate availability of a "standard" brochure. If such a brochure is not available, Katharine Conroy's draft plus adaptable portions of the Middletown group's brochure will be worked up into a design.

4. Float

CETF is still planning to have a float in the Memorial Day and Old Home Day parades (Monday, May 25th and Saturday, June 6th, respectively). **Sue Michael, Lorrie Martin and ECO** will meet on May 14th to work up a simple design, one not dependent on a motor of any sort, but rather manpower-based. A 4'x4', low-cost banner will be planned to incorporate our logo on.

5. Sign Up Forms for Clean Energy Option

Lorrie Martin will be contacting Bob Wall of Connecticut Clean Energy Option (860 563-5851) to pick up a supply of these for distribution along the parade routes.

6. Discovery Center Booth

Key requirement for this booth is an **INTERACTIVE** component - passing fair-goers must

be engaged educationally and actively. Paul mentioned the possible availability of two consecutive \$2000 grants from the Clean Energy Fund for use in attracting student or scout groups to contribute to the design of this booth (possibly a competitive planning process). Lorrie and Sue will expand discussion of this plan with other teachers at the high school and upper level scout leaders. Lorrie and Katharine will communicate regarding a Town Times article to distribute information about these grants to the public.

7. Town Efficiency Proposals

- a. Next step in accomplishing **library energy audit** is contact with organization to do the audit and discussion of price.
- b. **Street lighting option** was not pursued at this time due to research necessary to connect with communities attempting to trim energy use in this way. Most agree that best route here is possibly the installation of solar powered lighting.

8. Agenda for June 1, 2009 meeting: Decal distribution, brochure update, Town Times informational article about Clean Energy Grants, Design of Discovery Center booth, and updated float plans for parades.

9. Adjourn

Motion made by Paul to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ralph, at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *(by Lorrie Martin)*
Katharine Conroy, Secretary