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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
7:30 PM MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM DURHAM TOWN HALL  
MINUTES

Attendance: Jen Muir, Paul Griese, Susan Michael, Jen Huddleston, Dwight Fowler (briefly) Guest: Rebecca Fowler

1. Jen Muir called the meeting to order.

4. Distribution of Decals: Jen Muir was able to get a list of the Sterling Planet participants in Durham and Middlefield from Kate West. We will be sending decals with a cover letter of thanks and explanation of the decal's purpose. Maybe also an invitation to talk to their neighbors and local businesses to encourage them to sign up too. We had at least two signups have occurred as a result of the parade publicity.

5. Grants: Sandi Kalinowski submitted the receipts and costs for the decals to Town Hall. Paul included the costs in the report to the Connecticut Clean Energy ... Paul mentioned that households that install solar PV systems count as 3 signups for their community.

Recovery Grant: Energy Efficiency Improvements in Town are the main focus points. Discussion about the library lights being upgraded to much more efficient fixtures. This improvement could be paid for partially by the grant program.

Also the library could have all of its light fixtures upgraded to new more efficient versions for a possible cost of \$26,000 (including rebates from CL&P).

Solar panels for town buildings were discussed. Possible building candidates are the library and the fire station. Concerns about compliance with Historic District criteria were brought up. Also a discussion about utilizing roof space on Durham Fairground Buildings and whether a cooperative agreement could be made.

Paul also mentioned that our e-mail address is: [clean.energy@TownofDurham.org](mailto:clean.energy@TownofDurham.org)

There are also solar lease programs out now that people can participate in.

Innovation Grant:

A few articles have appeared in the Town Times regarding the Clean Energy Task Force's efforts to get more people to sign up for the clean energy option on their energy bills. We need to post them on the Town Website to help with publicity as well as awareness and documentation of efforts.

6. The Durham fair is coming up quickly and will be the main topic for the August 31 agenda. CL&P has allowed us to reserve a light bulb board demonstration set up for the fair weekend. Katherine Conroy and Lorrie Martin attended the Durham Fair Discovery Tent meeting in June. We need to find out from them the answers to the following questions:

- a. Is there access to the Internet for booths in the Discovery Tent?

- b. Has Lorrie made contact with the person who designed an “exercise bike-electricity conversion” machine?
- c. Are tables provided or will we need to provide our own?
- d. Is electricity available to the booths?
- e. What are the times for the Discovery Tent opening and closing?

Sue Michael will contact Lorrie Martin and Katharine Conroy to see if she can answer the questions and update on what was discussed at the June Discovery Tent meeting.

Dwight Fowler has a contact for a speaker lined up.

Jen Huddleston will be contacting PV<sup>2</sup> to see if they might be willing to loan us a wind turbine model.

Rebecca Fowler, recent University of Massachusetts graduate and alumna of Coginchaug joined the meeting. Jen Muir explained the purpose of the group and Becca stated her background with MassPIRG and skills she might be able to share with the committee.

7. Town Efficiency Improvements: Paul Griese and Laura Francis will be attending a meeting Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> regarding how towns can utilize funds from grants at Central Connecticut State University.

Jen Huddleston mentioned the need for Middlefield to wrap up the Street Light Removal project which is going on three years. The lights have been identified and various groups were contacted and had a chance to review the proposed lights. Now it is up to the Middlefield first selectman to sign off and then someone needs to contact the company and have them turned off.

8. The August 31 agenda will mainly be planning of the Durham Fair. It is important that everyone on the committee make every effort to be at this meeting. The Fair will three weeks later.

Minutes draft submitted by: Susan Michael