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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Boeshans in Room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Patrick Boeshans, Jim Ray, Susan Van Kleef, and Bob Beinstein.

1. APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by all and Chairman Boeshans requested a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 19th, 2010. Commissioner Beinstein made the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Chairman Boeshans opened up the floor for public audience. No comments were entered into the record and the public audience was closed.

3. REVIEW OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS

Chairman Boeshans provided a copy of a proposed press release for the alternative energy module to be done with the Simsbury elementary science curriculum. Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he would contact the School Superintendent, Diane Ullman, for a quotation that could be used in the release. Commissioner Van Kleef will keep in contact with the science coordinator to determine when it actually will be taught as well as seek pictures of the students using the kits provided by the CETF that could be used in a follow up release.

Chairman Boeshans provided an updated copy of the Green Business Certification Process Rating Sheet for review. In order to enable all to review and make any comments, he also will send it out to the CETF members via e-mail. Commissioner Ray indicated he would send out the examples that had been done for each of the categories also so it could be reviewed along with the Rating Sheet. Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he would send it out to some of his connections who are involved with sustainability to get their comments also. Commissioner Van Kleef will do a search for other town initiatives that are similar to provide comparisons.

Commissioner Van Kleef provided information about costs for the Green

Business decals that she was able to obtain. She will follow up with the sources to get them finalized. Chairman Boeshans indicated that he had some sources also and would also get pricing.

Chairman Boeshans indicated that Commissioner Fernand had indicated her intention to resign from the CETF, but had not yet provided a letter of resignation. He would follow up with her accordingly.

The Simsbury Town website which hosts the CETF information was discussed as to what updates are necessary. A possibility for a separate page for the Green Business Certification may be appropriate. Commissioner Van Kleef will find out the source software the town uses for the updates as well as determine the possibility of the CETF handling the updates directly. She also will determine if a shorter URL address could be defined for it for ease of use for publicity purposes.

Once the Green Certification criteria is finalized and the decals secured, Commissioner Ray will contact the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Dennis Jacobs, to discuss a kick off type event through them. Chairman Boeshans will also contact the Main Street Partnership for the same type of public introduction.

Commissioner Van Kleef indicated that she had been contacted by 'Shining Solutions' in regard to the sale of CFL's as a fund raiser. It was agreed that this would be more appropriate for other organizations such as PTA's, church, Scouts, etc. As such, Commissioner Van Kleef will inform them of this.

Commissioner Ray asked the status of the portable sign that Commissioner Fernand had been handling. It was agreed that it still would be worthwhile to have such for the CETF activities. As such, Chairman Boeshans will get the information about it from Commissioner Fernand for pursuing it again by the CETF.

Commissioner Ray indicated that he had contacted Community Energy about the possibility of getting agreements directly with other organizations in Simsbury for getting funds for Clean Energy sign-ups. They agreed that would not be a problem. As such, all members were encouraged to contact other groups in Simsbury like schools, religious organizations, non-profit groups, etc to let them know about this possibility for fund raising while also supporting the Clean Energy sign-ups.

Commissioner Ray also indicated that Community Energy was also still wanting to do a day for sign ups at the Library and at Fitzgerald's.

Commissioner Van Kleef will contact the Library and Commissioner Ray will contact Fitzgerald's. A general discussion about other future events in Simsbury where sign ups could be done. Several events such as one at Community Farm, a Columbus Day event, Volunteer Expo, etc were discussed. Further information about these will be determined for further discussions. The Simsbury Clean Energy grant program did not get any submittals from its open period last spring. The possibility of a new round or other use of the funds will be discussed at a future meeting. There also is still funding left from the Aquarion grant and some possibilities for some

programs in Simsbury were discussed. With the selection of the shared Energy consultant being near along with the other town initiatives, it was felt that it also would be good to have Tom Roy come to a future meeting to participate in the discussion related to the future plans for the funding and the initiatives for the CETF. Chairman Boeshans will contact Tom Roy and invite him.

The CETF also will need to complete a 2010 summary for the Simsbury Annual Report and set our goals for 2011. These also will be part of a future meeting.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS

No additional new action items were added over those discussed above.

5. OPEN FORUM

No additional discussion items were raised.

6. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS CALENDER

The next scheduled meeting is September 15th.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ray motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Kleef and unanimously approved.