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#### CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES

September 15, 2010

#### REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Boeshans in room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Patrick Boeshans, Susan Van Kleef, Jim Ray, Al Weisbrich and Bob Beinstein.

#### 1. APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The draft minutes from the September 1 meeting were reviewed by all and Commissioner Beinstein made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Van Kleef seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### 2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Chairman Boeshans opened up the floor for public audience at 6:45 pm. Simsbury Director of Public Works, Tom Roy, and six Simsbury residents attended the meeting.

Three Simsbury High School students, Natalie Valentin, Carolyn House and Alejandra Melian-Morse began a general discussion about possible environmental updates that could be undertaken at the High School. They also requested information regarding the Clean Energy Options Program (CEOP) that can earn the town a small, photovoltaic panel array. The task force provided general information regarding the CEOP program and provided information regarding the pending grant program and other ways to support sustainable initiatives. Commissioner Ray brought up the concept of starting a sustainable competition within the school or against neighboring schools. Commissioner Beinstein provided information regarding educational resources for sustainability at AASHE.org.

Tom Roy spoke to the criteria for earning the CEOP photovoltaic system and confirmed that only one requirement remains, the purchase of clean energy credits. He will update the task force as new information becomes available. Director Roy also updated the task force on the search for a shared community energy manager. The collective communities have agreed to hire a firm and have begun the process of interviewing prospective companies. Director Troy also provided updates on the EPA Challenge, the

process of carefully tracking municipal building electrical data and a pending Energy Star rating program. Information was then provided regarding the Iron Horse lighting project and the town hall LED lighting conversion. He completed his presentation with an overview of the project to remove the below ground tanks at the highway garage and implement an advanced fuel management system.

Steve Osborn, Tina Osborn and Alison Butrick-Patton were present to speak about the upcoming 10/10/10 sustainable work day and their support of this initiative and 350.org. A general conversation was held regarding possible ways the town and task force could partner or support a local event. Ideas were discussed including but not limited to various programs that would support the use of clean energy and make the public more knowledgeable about carbon emissions. Possible events programs were evaluated that could be held locally, at the First Church of Christ (First Church) or at another local venue. Bicycle swap and/or tune-ups, light bulb trade out from incandescent to another more efficient product and sustainable work projects are representative examples. The possibility of this type of event qualifying for CEOP grant funds was also reviewed and the First Church delegation was encouraged to investigate this further.

The public audience was closed by Chairman Boeshans at 8:40 pm.

### 3. NEW AND ACTIONABLE ITEMS

An efficient review of actionable items took place between the task force members. No new business was taken up, and any pending business items will be taken up at the next scheduled meeting.

### 4. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS CALENDER

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2010.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ray motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weisbrich and unanimously approved.