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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES  
January 19, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Commissioner Ray in the Board of Education Conference Room of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Jim Ray, Susan Van Kleef, Al Weisbrich and Bob Beinstein.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Due to the absence of Chairman Patrick Boeshans, a copy of the December 13, 2010 draft minutes were not available for review. As such, the review of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Commissioner Ray 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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Deputy First Selectman John Hampton informed some of the members of the committee that the Simsbury Board of Finance had tabled setting up a special account for the Aquarion grant funds (\$10,000 now received) until it had further information in regard to CETF and the basis of the grant. It was discussed among the committee and determined that the best action would be for Chairman Boeshans to meet with the Board of Finance to provide them whatever information they needed. In regard to the \$2,000 Clean Energy Fund grant, no information was available to determine if it also was involved in the Board of Finance action or if First Church had been paid their grant funds for the 10/10/10 event or if the Simsbury High School Environmental Club had received their grant funds. It was noted that the funds that will be coming from Community Energy related to Clean Energy sign-ups done by the CETF for their firm would be held by Community Energy until an account is set up through the Board of Finance. Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he has set up a spreadsheet to help track all funding and allocations associated with CETF once the issue with the Board of Finance is resolved.

Commissioner Ray indicated that he had not heard back from Rick Sawitske relative to the Town's purchase of the required Renewable Energy Credits.

Commissioner Ray will follow up accordingly. Based on the Clean Energy sign-ups done in the fall, it is expected that Simsbury will be over the required 400 sign-ups for solar panels and the Renewable Energy Credits will be the last step needed. The Clean Energy Fund has not yet updated the status for the end of the year, so the final total will not be known until then.

Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he had not gotten any comments to the proposed Green Business criteria. It was agreed that we will go ahead with the criteria in its current form and make changes in the future based on feedback from businesses or others as its implementation is done.

Commissioner Ray indicated that he had discussed the concept with Dennis Jabobs, President of the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce and he felt it would be received by the business community with enthusiasm. Actions in regard to the CETF portable sign and decals for the Green Business initiative were deferred pending resolution of the CETF funds.

Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he was working on the 'idea' list generated at the 10/10/10 event to determine those worthy to pursue by the CETF and will present this at a future meeting.

Commissioner Ray indicated that he had invited Tom Roy to a future meeting to discuss the shared Energy Manager and where he wanted CETF involvement. Commissioner Ray indicated that he had not heard back from Tom Roy and would contact him again.

It was noted that publicity in regard to the 5th grade alternative energy curricula coordinated and funded by CETF did not seem to get out. It was determined that a follow up with the school to get some pictures of the kits being used would be done and another try at publicity will be done. The initiative for an effort with the Middle School will be put on hold pending resolution of the Board of Finance issue.

Sue Mazurski had forwarded an e-mail from a citizen complimenting the CETF website page for its energy related links and suggested adding another one. Commissioner Van Kleef will investigate the suggested link to be sure it is not a commercial site and arrange to have it added if appropriate.

Commissioners Van Kleef, Beinstein and Weisbrich attended an open house session at Simsbury Farms with discussions held related to some possible energy initiatives. It was determined that it would be good to ask Gary Toner and Tom West to a future CETF to have further discussion. Commissioner Beinstein agreed to coordinate this action.

## 6. IDENTIFICATION OF NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS

No new action items were discussed.

7. OPEN FORUM

No additional topics for discussion were identified.

8. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS CALENDER

The next scheduled meeting is February 2nd.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Weisbrich motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beinstein and unanimously approved.