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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
March 9, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Chairman Boeshans in the Room 106 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Jim Ray, Susan Van Kleef, and Patrick Boeshans.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2011
The draft minutes from the February 16th meeting were reviewed by all. Commissioner Van Kleef made a motion to approve the minutes with a noted change. 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 indicated that First Selectman Mary Glassman had indicated that she had approved alternate funding to reimburse First Church for their Connecticut Clean Energy Fund grant effort with the 10/10/10 event due the grant funds currently being held up by the Board of Finance. For the Simsbury High School grant program, an agreement was reached that the Board of Education would do the upfront funding and then be reimbursed once the grant funds were released by the Board of Finance.

With the scheduled Board of Finance meeting where the CETF funds from grants the Clean Energy Fund and Aquarion Water Company were to be discussed, their next three board meetings are scheduled to be dedicated to capital and town budget discussions. The Board of Selectman are attempting to get the CETF special revenue fund set up on one of these meetings agendas to free up the funds as soon as possible, but no definitive date has been set as yet. Chairman Boeshans passed out the current version of the CETF Executive Overview to be presented to the Board of Finance to explain that these funds are totally outside of the concerns they had raised. He will also send this out electronically to all CETF members for their review. The intent is the finalize this at the next CETF meeting and forward electronically to all Board of Finance members prior to the meeting

in which it will be formally presented. Hard copies will still be provided at the Board of Finance meeting when it is presented.

It was noted that at the Board of Finance meeting, 18 Jan, where the intended CETF special revenue fund discussion occurred, the main discussion related to the town's consideration of purchase of renewable energy certificates. Mr. Roy had indicated that there is a Regional Energy Manager who was just hired as part of another grant that was recently received who would be doing a cost analysis as to the best approach. Mr. Roy will be requested to share the results of this analysis with the CETF.

Due to all current funds currently on hold due to the Board of Finance tabling setting up the requested Special Revenue Fund, discussion centered on what actions could be continued without the current need of funding.

The Green Business initiative was discussed as to what we could do to go ahead. We had previously agreed that the Green Business Certification Process sheet and the Rating Examples were okay to go. Copies of these will be provided for the next meeting to do one final review. Chairman Boeshans indicated that he would do a marketing sheet to go with them and present at the next meeting. He also indicated that he could have his company produce an initial set of the agreed upon Green Business decals to get started. Commissioner Van Kleef indicated that she had found several links to other communities Green programs and would pass them on to review. Plan will be discuss at the next meeting so it can start to be introduced with the Main Street Partnership and the Chamber of Commerce.

It was also determined that an initial meeting can be set up with Henry James Middle School to share information in regard to their Green program. This can only be to determine some potentials for a future initiative as no commitment of funds can be provided. Commissioner Van Kleef will work with Commissioner Beinstein to set this up.

It was recognized that a main role of the CETF is provide education. It was thought that the CETF could provide energy saving/conservation facts and tips to the local news media. Commissioner Van Kleef indicated that besides the local newspapers this could include the new electronic media, Simsbury Patch. Further ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

CETF participated in the Simsbury Volunteer Expo the last couple of years that occurred in April. Information in regard to this year's Expo will be sought so a plan can be addressed.

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 CALENDAR

The next scheduled meeting is March 16th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Kleeef motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ray and unanimously approved.