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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
March 28, 2012
REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Boeshans in room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Jim Ray, Susan Van Kleef, Bob Beinstein and Patrick Boeshans.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON March 14, 2012
The draft minutes from the March 14th meeting were reviewed by all. Commissioner Van Kleef made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE
Chairman Boeshans opened the floor for public audience. No comments were entered into the public record and the forum was closed.

3. REVIEW OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS
Finance department and board of education has approved grant funds for the educational initiatives. The CETF will follow-up with Janet Black to ensure receipt of funds.

A second request for funds was made for decal design of the green business challenge. The Mary Murphy invoice was forwarded to finance.

The CETF identified the next local event for promotion of the clean energy options program as the Simsbury Art Walk. Dates are being researched and clean energy partners are being contacted to attend.

Contact was made with Ann Marie Potter, a local bicycling advocate who is a member of Simsbury Free Bike and Connecticut Adaptive Cycling. She is also one of the organizers of Bike Walk Simsbury and arrangements have been made for Potter to attend a future meeting and explore partnership opportunities between the CETF and local bicycling initiatives.

The CETF reviewed a sustainability strategy draft that Commissioner Beinstein created on behalf of the task force. General discussions were held around the process, the desired attendee's, the appropriate moderator

and more.

For discussion. Task force to review draft in greater detail and come back with further recommendations.

Commissioner Van Kleeef attended a regional clean energy symposium...she shared notes and observations from the meeting including a basic tenet that the most successful communities were well integrated with qualified town officials and community sustainability experts to initiate clean energy projects and sustainable initiatives. Additionally, Van Kleeef stated that the Connecticut Energy and Sustainability Forum featured town task forces and commissions discussing and benchmarking sustainable processes. Many communities now have solar installations on town buildings. 20% by 2018 is the new clean energy goal. Towns will be contacted by CE community representatives that will provide new EPA resource information.

4. OPEN FORUM

5. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is May 9th.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Van Kleeef motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ray and unanimously approved.