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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
May 9, 2012
REGULAR MEETING

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

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON March 28, 2012
The draft minutes from the March 28th meeting were reviewed by all. Commissioner Van Kleeef made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted change. Commissioner Beinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

3. REVIEW OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS
Commissioner Van Kleeef indicated that Henry James and Simsbury High School gardening and food sourcing projects are underway. The fund reimbursement is being handled through the Board of Education from the CETF grant and the tools/supplies have been done through Tim Goodwin at the Simsbury Community Farm and Flamig Farm for soil.

CETF had generally agreed to pay for the Town's portion of the Renewable Energy Credits. Mr. Tom Roy requested a formal approval of that. Commissioner Beinstein made a motion to approve funding the Town's portion of the Renewable Energy Credits to the amount requested of \$1,383.30. Commissioner Van Kleeef seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

With the Town's purchase of the Renewable Energy Credits, this will complete the requirements for Simsbury to be designated by the State as a Clean Energy Community and will enabling the start of the process to obtain the earned photovoltaic solar panels for high school.

Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he had not received any comments to the draft Strategic plan and as such deferred discussion to a later

meeting.

A general discussion was held concerning the continuing lack of new members with one of the resulting problems being the lack of quorum with only four members. Several names were discussed with members to contact individuals to determine any interest as a possibility to help this process.

4. OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Van Kleeef indicated that regional workshops were being scheduled but none were in the nearby Hartford area to make them easier to attend. The purpose of the workshops are to further explain the change in the Clean Energy Community program. If not able to attend, information can be obtained from the Program Administrator, Diana McCarthy-Bercury.

Commissioner Beinstein discussed the recent release of the C40 report in which 40 major cities are involved in a joint environmental planning process. He will send it out for all the members to review.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is May 23rd.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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