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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
July 8, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Boeshans in Room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Patrick Boeshans, Lori Fernand, Susan Van Kleef and Jim Ray.

1. APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2009

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by all and Chairman Boeshans requested a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 24, 2009. Commissioner Van Kleef made the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Fernand seconded the motion.

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

A general overview of the open action items was done to determine any updates in status. The updates will be included in the next version that is sent out to the committee.

Commissioner Fernand continues to follow up with the Clean Energy Fund in regard to the Clean Energy Fund grant. The last thing needed to formalize the proposal was the EPA Commitment letter which had been sent, but there still was no acknowledgement that it had been received. As such, Commissioner Fernand has sent them another copy. With the next step being the training that will need to be taken, Commissioner Fernand will advise the CETF as soon as that has been identified.

Commissioner Fernand reiterated that we had space set up at the Simsbury Farmer's Market on July 9th and July 23rd. It was agreed that we would meet at 3:30 p.m. and have the Clean Energy sign up sheets available to pass out. Chairman Boeshans indicated that he would get the banner there and Commissioner Ray, Fernand and Van Kleef will be there to answer questions and pass out the sign up sheets.

Commissioner Fernand indicated that she had done a presentation at the Simsbury Senior Center but the turn out was quite small.

Commissioner Van Kleef had brought the display items that were used at the library. It was determined some would be used as props at the Farmer's Market and Chairman Boeshans would check on the feasibility of setting up an exhibit in Town Hall.

Chairman Boeshans indicated that he still had no feedback on the Town's purchase of energy credits and would follow up on that.

Commissioner Van Kleef provided an update on her discussions on obtaining solar and wind kits that could be used in the Simsbury schools. It was agreed to get further cost information along with the details of these kits along with costs for a training workshop for the teachers that could be part of the grant proposal with Aquarion.

Chairman Boeshans had updated Green Business Certification executive overview form with the point ratings as discussed at the last meeting. The rest of the package will now need to be put together with examples/details related to each of the identified categories. This will be a point of discussion at the next meeting. As part of the Aquarion grant proposal, a brainstorming session was held in regard to the type of items related to the Green Business program could be included. Ideas discussed included copies of material, decals/certificates/frames, publicity, website page development, Chamber of Commerce luncheon kick-off and training workshop, mailing, and publicity.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS

Chairman Boeshans indicated that he would take the information in regard to the Green Business along with the school projects discussed above and put together a proposal for funding to be used to submit to Aquarion Water Company for consideration.

5. OPEN FORUM

No additional topics for discussion were identified.

6. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS CALENDER

The following future meeting dates were confirmed: July 22, 2009; September 2, 2009; September 16, 2009; September 30, 2009; October 14, 2009; October 28, 2009, November 9, 2009 and December 9, 2009.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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