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CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman Boeshans in Room 106 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Patrick Boeshans, Jim Ray, Susan Van Kleef, Al Weisbrich and Bob Beinstein.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes from the November 29th meeting and reviewed by all. Commissioner Van Kleef made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Weisbrich 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 provided a revised summary of the meeting dates for 2011. All meetings are scheduled at Town Hall and will commence at 6:30 p.m. Listing of the final dates is as follows: Jan 5, Jan 19, Feb 2, Feb 16, Mar 2, Mar 16, Mar 30, Apr 13, May 4, May 18, Jun 1, Jun 15, Jul 13, Jul 27, Sep 7, Sep 14, Oct 5, Oct 19, Nov 2, Nov 16, Dec 7, and Dec 21. As before, any conflicts/issues that subsequently occur will be discussed and changes made as necessary when a quorum approves the change.

Chairman Boeshans indicated the status of the Clean Energy Fund Grant of \$2,000 along with the grant status from Aquarion Water were currently being investigated by the Town. The original check for \$5,000 from Aquarion Water was misplaced so a replacement check has been requested. Based on the Aquarion agreement, the next \$5,000 is also due so that is being addressed also. Expenditures so far are \$2,351.97 for the 5th grade alternative energy science kits that would come from the Aquarion grant funds, \$954.46 for First Church for their 10/10/10 event and \$1,000 for Simsbury High School Environmental Club for their grant proposal, both which will come from the Clean Energy Fund grant funds. Some additional funds should also have come from CETF sign-ups for Community Energy where the agreement with them is to pay \$25 per sign up. It is expected to be on

the order of \$300 to \$350. Of urgent need is to get the grant funds of \$1,000 to Simsbury High School to allow them to do their scheduled events. Chairman Boeshans is working with Tom Roy to get a status update of funds and expenditures including the payment to the high school. Commissioner Ray will follow up with Community Energy to get a status of their funding to the Town so it also can be tracked.

Commissioner Beinstein indicated that he had sent out the Green Business criteria to professionals in the field to review and make any comments. He has not yet received any reply as they have been busy with their regular work, but he will continue to follow up. If not received prior to the next meeting, the decision is to finalize the criteria within CETF. It was recognized that this is the last step to get the criteria finalized prior to the kick-off with the Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet Partnership.

Actions in regard to the CETF portable sign and decals for the Green Business initiative were deferred pending resolution of the CETF funds.

Commissioner Ray indicated that the shared Energy Manager, a firm versus an individual, had been selected and Tom Roy had indicated that he wanted to get the CETF involved with their efforts. As such, Commissioner Ray will invite Tom Roy to a future meeting to discuss.

6. IDENTIFICATION OF NEW ACTIONABLE ITEMS

A general discussion was held in regard plans for 2011. Initiation of the Green Business program is already in progress. Another school initiative was discussed with an agreement that something at the Middle School would be good. Commissioner Beinstein will contact the science coordinator in that regard. A list of ideas that had come from the 10/10/10 event will be reviewed to see if any of those have merit. Some larger scale projects for the Town were discussed to include a power purchase type agreement for a solar installation including consideration for use of the closed landfill or perhaps an energy project with the schools. These type projects could be discussed with the Town's new energy manager firm. Further discussions will be done at the next meeting.

7. OPEN FORUM

No additional topics for discussion were identified.

8. NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS CALENDER

The next scheduled meeting is January 5th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

