

# ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 14, 2009

7:30PM TOWN HALL

**ATTENDING:** Mary Fanette, Ted Marolda Bill Patrick, Kate Johnson, Frank Bell & Daryl Eaton  
Sue Dyer was also there at the beginning of the meeting.

**ABSENT:** Lindsey Pizzica Rotolo, Erick Olsen, Bill Whalen and Jim Kochiss

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mary Fanette called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

- **STIMULUS MONEY-**

- Mary Fanette updated the group on the status of the \$29,000 in monies awarded to the town. The application for the energy audit and some upgrade work has been submitted to the OPM. Sue D. has not heard anything back from the OPM and probably will not until the beginning of the year.
- Bonus Pool- This \$990,000 in grant money needs to be applied for and is for communities working together. West Cornwall ETF wanted to apply for money to create a regional manager position for 2 years to assist the communities of Cornwall, Canaan, Falls Village, Kent, Norfolk, Salisbury & Sharon and their task forces. There needs to be a lead town, which will be responsible for up-fronting the monies. Sue Dyer has signed the forms to allow Torrington to be the lead town for a grant for energy upgrades. This grant will be structured similar to the local façade improvement program.

- **2010 CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT-**

- Kate and Mary will explain to the Board of Selectmen in January how our town can meet it's commitment to provide 20% clean energy in 2010.

- **WIND ENERGY SUBCOMITTEE UPDATE-**

- There have been two joint meeting with the Zoning sub committee. At the first general questions and issues were discussed. Matt Speck of Optiwind made a presentation at the second meeting. He submitted a draft of regulations, which looks at a comprehensive approach to regulations or policy for all clean energy in the zoning regulations.

- **2010 MEETING DATES-**

- We discussed the meeting dates and determined that they were all fine except for the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, which is Columbus Day. This will meeting will be scheduled either for the week before or after.

- **FRANK'S WIND PROJECT-**

- Frank showed us some examples of small wind turbines.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- July 28 2009- Motion to approve by Ted Marolda, second by Bill Patrick. Everyone that was present at that meeting approved these minutes.
- August 25, 2009- Motion to approve by Frank Bell, second by Daryl Eaton. Everyone that was present at that meeting approved these minutes.
- October 27, 2009- Motion to approve by Ted Marolda, second by Daryl Eaton. Everyone that was present at that meeting approved these minutes.

- **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Frank Bell at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fanette (Chair) for  
Kate Briggs Johnson, Secretary