

**Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, Connecticut
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
7:00 PM**

1. Call to order

Selectman Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:20. Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne; Kate Donnelly, ex officio, First Selectman; Maryellen Donnelly; Frank Russell. Robert Marsh joined the meeting at 8 pm. The Committee notes with regrets the resignation of John Wertam from the Hampton Green Energy Committee.

2. Audience for Citizens: None

3. Additions to the Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes: 8/4/10

Motion: Roger Dionne moved, Frank Russell seconded, to approve the minutes of 8/4/10. Motion passed unanimously. Kate Donnelly abstained.

5. Hampton Elementary School Solar Thermal System control system and status. Software monitoring purchase

The solar thermal system has been installed and the system will soon be put into operation. The committee reviewed software and grant money available for purchase.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Kate Donnelly seconded, to purchase the Onset software to monitor solar thermal performance at Hampton Elementary School. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Energy Fair: Celebration: vendors available, set-up for fair, publicity

An Energy Fair will be held on Saturday, September 25 from 10am to 2pm at Hampton Elementary School. A list was distributed of vendors and groups invited and current confirmations. Suggestions for further invitations were discussed as well as committee responsibilities and logistics.

7. DCS solar energy proposal

Kate Donnelly distributed written information from DCS Energy. DCS reviewed town buildings for solar photovoltaic electric systems. DCS will provide and install, free of charge, a 9 kW system on Town Hall, which will save an estimated \$180 to \$200 a month in charges for electricity. After five years, Hampton can purchase the system for one dollar. They will also provide a 9 kW system for the Firehouse. The Community Center at Little River Grange is eligible but trees would have to cut. The system that DCS offers is not feasible as a roof mount or a ground mount at Hampton Elementary School. DCS Energy also offers systems at low cost to residents.

Motion: Kate Donnelly moved, Bob Marsh seconded, that HGEC recommend to the Board of Selectman and Fire Department to accept DCS's offer for the Town Hall and the Firehouse and explore the possibility of the offer for the Community Center at Little River Grange. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Clean Energy Sign-up Campaign Action Plan status of sign ups

a. Logo

Logo design will resume.

b. Contact with Community groups

Along with Direct Energy's presentation at the October Senior meeting, the Clean Energy Campaign will be explained. Direct Energy will work beside a representative of Sterling Planet or a member of HGEC at the Energy Fair.

c. Grant Expenditures-light bulbs.

Ninety-six 20W (100w incandescent equivalent) non-spiral bulbs have been received.

d. Publicity

The campaign will be publicized at the Energy Fair.

9. Direct Energy Company for Town status

Direct Energy is sending promotional information to all residents of Hampton. A representative of Direct Energy will be present at the Senior meeting in October and will attend the Energy Fair on September 25.

10. Film Series status

A summer film series has been successful. The last films in the series will be shown on Sept. 3. They are "The Age of Stupid" and "Kilowatt Ours: A Plan To Re-Energize America". It was suggested that the film series be available during winter months.

11. Alternative Energy Questionnaire

The questionnaire results are pending. A map of alternative energy systems in Hampton will be displayed at the Energy Fair along with photos of the systems if property owners give consent. Owners of systems were invited to share information about alternative energy at the Energy Fair.

12. Energy Audits with Bill Leahy

Walk Through Energy Audit for Hampton Elementary School (July 23, 2010) and Walk Through Energy Audit for Hampton Town Buildings (July 23, 2010) prepared by the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University have been received. Roger Dionne has electronic copies and will forward a copy of the Hampton Elementary audit with Principal/Superintendent, Marsha Willhoit.

13. Audience for Citizens: None

14. Next Agenda Planning

Evaluation of progress

Participation of youth groups in clean energy initiatives.

15. Adjournment

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Frank Russell seconded, to adjourn at 9 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly
Secretary