

**ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – September 21, 2011**  
**BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

Attendees: Don Stein, Scott Lefcheck, Andrea Fancher, Jeff Linton, Tom Nelson

Absent: Jim Becketl, Storm Connors, Tom Cook, Ray Pech, Dan Pinton, Mike Schulde

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes from the June 7, 2011 meeting were reviewed and accepted with no changes

Since the June 7 meeting, the balance on the energy grant (EECBG) is now \$9,347. Approximately \$16,600 was expended by the school to install energy efficient, insulating blinds, applying an energy efficient paint to exterior walls and installing new door sweeps and silicon gaskets to seal exterior doors. The town has not yet determined the best approach on insulating the town hall, but hopes to finish that part of the project this fall.

Relative to the installation of photovoltaic solar arrays, the town did not enter into a contract with DCS Energy due to inadequate time to thoroughly investigate the contractual arrangements and the structural integrity of the buildings. However, the town has entered into a discussion with American Solar and Alternative Power regarding a possible installation on the school roof.

Tony Mitchell, who is the Energy Coordinator for the Northwest Conservation District, met with the committee to discuss a new initiative by the Conservation District to work with the town to help them measure their energy usage and energy savings measures. This will involve a tool called Portfolio Manager on the Energystar website which allows the town to enter its electric bills and oil bills and then shows trends in energy usage and conservation. Tony will get this set up, will review the usage in the town's buildings and will provide advice as to where we can conserve. This can also feed into a new program from CL&P which will provide grant funds to the town if the town and a percentage of its residents sign up for renewable energy. This program is still being defined, but should be available this fall.

The next meeting will be held on October 19 to continue to work on a permanent mission for the task force once the grant is completed. Don Stein agreed to approach the Conservation Commission to see if that group might want to pick up some of the energy conservation activities. They will likely put that on their next agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

## Energy Grant Summary – April 27, 2011

Conservation Programs (newsletter, school programs)		\$1,141.00
Spent	\$682.60	
Balance		\$458.40
Energy Audits ( 18 paid, 15 still on list)		\$7,125.00
Spent	\$1150.00	
Balance		\$5,975.00
Retrofits (Town Hall furnace control; Senior Center windows)		\$27,346.00
Spent	\$26,932.00	
	<u>-\$2,500.00</u>	
Balance	\$24,432.00	\$2914.00
TOTAL PROJECT		\$45,206.00
TOTAL BALANCE		\$9347.60

- Still Planned:

- school energy projects
- Town hall insulation

- For Discussion:

- photovoltaic arrays for town and non-profit buildings