

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – September 8, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL

Attendees: Don Stein, Scott Lefcheck, Andrea Fancher, Jeff Linton, Mike Schulde, Tom Cook, Tom Nelson, Ray Pech
Absent: Storm Connors, Jim Becketl, Dan Pinton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from the June 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

Energy Conservation Projects: Don Stein reviewed the status of the quotes for the insulation and other energy conservation projects. The Town has installed the boiler control system for the Town Hall, including a new hot water heater. The decision was made to install new windows in the older section of the Senior Center, rather than insulate the basement. This decision was based on recommendations from the seniors and as a result of a lack of consistent input from insulation contractors. The school administration is still evaluating options for the school, again based on a broad range of recommendations and pricing from potential contractors. The Town has submitted a revised budget to the OPM, who has indicated that they will accept the revised list of projects.

Publicity: The mailer advertising the availability of reimbursements for energy audits, the energy committee's activities and energy conservation links was sent to the residents in July. Andrea and Scott did an outstanding job preparing the brochure, which looks very professional. One concern that was expressed was that the lack of feedback is an indication of a lack of community or business interest.

Energy Audit: Only 10 people have signed up for the home energy audit reimbursement, so there was discussion about how to publicize the program. It was agreed that the school would include a notice about it in their newsletters, the committee would try to publicize it at the Riverton Fair, possibly through the Conservation Commission, and Don Stein will get notices about it in the newspapers.

School Programs: Jeff Linton said that the school program was going to use the theme "Going Green" and that he would be working with the Student Council and the 5th and 6th grades for them to lead the effort. The students will become "energy detectives", once the program is kicked off in November. There will be prizes and a poster contest to get the students involved.

The next meeting date will be set after Don Stein lines up a speaker from the Northwest Conservation District and Scott Lefcheck gets someone from the Cornwall energy committee. These speakers are intended to help the committee create initiatives to generate more interest and excitement about energy conservation in town.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman