

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – August 19, 2009
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL

Attendees: Don Stein, Scott Lefcheck, Andrea Fancher, Mike Schulde, Jim Becktel, Dan Pinton, Tom Nelson

Absent: Ray Pech, Storm Connors, Tom Cook

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

Don Stein informed the participants that the likely submittal date for the grant application has slipped by about a month to mid-October. We have received a quote for insulation of the Town Hall and the Senior Center that is very high, so additional quotes will be pursued. We also have a quote for a furnace control system for the Town Hall which appears to be very advantageous, with rapid payback potential.

Relative to the energy grant, consensus was:

- First priority is to undertake projects which improve the energy efficiency of town buildings to reduce our energy costs for the Town Hall, Senior Center, Town Garage, Barkhamsted School and, possibly, the firehouses. This would include energy audits of these buildings, as required.
- Offer to pay the \$75 fee for the CL&P energy audits for town residents – reserve a portion of the grant and make it available on a first-come/first-serve basis for those residents who agree to sign up for clean energy. One of the objectives is to have enough folks in the 20% by 2010 program that the town receives a photovoltaic array.
- Set up publicity and educational programs for residents and/or the schools. Use town-wide mailings, the website and e-mail to communicate with the town. Request that the school consider energy conservation curriculum and/or energy savings contests.
- Consider using the Northwest Connecticut Conservation District as an energy consultant to help write and administer the grant
- Tentative budget allocation:
 - Insulation of Town Hall and Senior Center \$20,000
 - Furnace Control for Town Hall \$ 2,600
 - Publicity \$ 1,500
 - Energy Audits on town buildings/corrective action \$ 4,000
 - Energy audit payments for residents \$ 7,500
- Actions include:
 - Finalize budget allocations
 - Contact Jean Cronauer of the Northwest Conservation District to explore their services as part of the grant performance
 - Scott/Andrea to begin conceptual work on publicity
 - Tom Nelson to bring examples of West Hartford curriculum material on energy conservation
 - Dan/Tom – discuss this issue at the next school board meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.