

**ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – September 23, 2009**  
**BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL**

Attendees: Don Stein, Scott Lefcheck, Andrea Fancher, Jeff Linton, Jim Becketl, Tom Cook, Jean Cronauer (Northwest Connecticut Conservation District)

Absent: Ray Pech, Storm Connors, Mike Schulde, Dan Pinton, Tom Nelson

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The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Minutes from the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

Jean Cronauer described the conservation district's charter and services, which are focused on natural resource protection. They are expanding into energy conservation due to the relationship of energy and the environment. Their services include education (high school program focused on water), technical services (plan review, wetlands, mapping) and are beginning to work with school districts to prepare and administer the "bonus pool" energy grant applications. Jean is working with Regional 7 on their planned application for geothermal, which if focused on education and saving energy at the high school.

The conservation district is running a program called "Greening Our Schools" on October 6 at the UCONN Torrington Branch. They are also running an expo on "Clean Energy and Sustainable Living" at Northwest Community College on October 24. More information on both of these programs is available on their website ([www.conservect.org](http://www.conservect.org)).

Jeff Linton presented information from their CREC audit which recommended an infrared scan of their electrical equipment and also an energy audit for the building. We will get prices for these tasks and will consider including this as a line item in the grant application.

The committee reaffirmed the tentative budget allocations which had previously been discussed, but changed the fourth item to focus on the school:

○ Insulation of Town Hall and Senior Center	\$20,000
○ Furnace Control for Town Hall	\$ 2,600
○ Publicity	\$ 1,500
○ Energy Audits on Barkhamsted School	\$ 4,000
○ Energy audit payments for residents	\$ 7,500

Further discussion focused on how to set up the residential energy audit program, how to administer it, forms that would be required, how to pay for (reimburse or pre-pay or create a voucher program) and how to publicize it.

Adenda items for next meeting will include:

- Publicity
- School curriculum tie-in
- Feedback from the Board of Ed
- Finalize the grant proposal

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 14 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.