

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – March 10, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL

Attendees: Don Stein, Jeff Linton, Mike Schulde, Tom Nelson, Scott Lefcheck, Andrea Fancher, Dan Pinton

Absent: Jim Bechtel, Tom Cook, Storm Connors, Ray Pech

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

Minutes from the October 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

The committee reviewed the grant award of \$35,612 from the State, consisting of 3 distinct projects:

- 1) Energy conservation projects (insulation and furnace controls for Town Hall and insulation for the school and senior center) - \$27,346
- 2) Publicity - \$1,141
- 3) Energy audit payments for residents - \$7,125

The town and school will manage the conservation projects and the committee will handle publicity.

Energy Audit: The committee will set up a procedure that will be based on advising residents of the program, allowing the first 95 people to be placed on a list for reimbursement, and then setting up a waiting list. Upon completion of the \$75 energy audit, the resident will come to Town Hall for reimbursement by showing a copy of their receipt and a copy of their electric bill showing that they are getting at least 50% of their electricity from clean/renewable energy. The program will run through 12/31/10 and people who have conducted the audit prior to the program announcement will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Publicity: Andrea and Scott will prepare a draft flyer which will discuss the audit reimbursement, school contests, links to organizations and resources for energy conservation. Jeff will work with the Tools for Schools committee to create a program and to present it to the teachers. It will be introduced in the spring with a plan for a school-wide program for the '10/'11 school year. \$200 will be reserved for prizes for the school contests and the balance (\$941) will be used for mailing and preparing the flyer.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21.