

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – October 19, 2010
BARKHAMSTED TOWN HALL

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM.

Minutes from the September 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted with no changes.

The meeting focused on a discussion with Tony Mitchell of the Northwest CT Conservation District regarding the services they can provide to the town as a result of a grant they received to help Town Energy Committees get started. Their energy website is <http://www.conservect.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.conservect.org/energy>, although they are primarily a natural resource conservation organization with a focus on soil science and GIS mapping.

Some of the support they can give the town is to help the town sign up for the Northeast Utilities Energy Options program and to help with educational programs. Tony offered to work with Jeff Linton, the school superintendent, to survey energy needs for the elementary school and to do programs for the school classes as part of the energy contest to be conducted this year. There was also discussion on town events and how to publicize energy activities (advertising, PTO flyers, town wide festivals, roadside signs, etc.).

Tony also provided a flyer on the benefits of the town becoming a 20% by 2010 town and the procedures that will needed to be followed. He also suggested that there could be grants from the CT Clean Energy Fund for the town garage project to pay for energy savings/green features in the new building. This could provide a cost savings to the town for the construction project.

The next meeting date will be set after Scott Lefcheck receives a time when Katherine Freygang is available to meet with the committee. She is from the Cornwall Energy Committee, which has been very successful in promoting energy programs in Cornwall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman