

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Clean Energy Team
Minutes of the Meeting
September 15, 2009

Present: Hoyle, Spurlock, Gupta, Loxsom, Nash, Britton, Walton (staff)

The meeting began at 7:09 p.m.

The minutes from August 18, 2009 minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Walton reported that the Sustainability Committee is working on setting goals and priorities. The Sustainability Committee asked if the \$500 Energy Challenge could include off-campus students. The group discussed offering a program in the future that is targeted for renters. Members were interested in having a Clean Energy Team representative at the Sustainability Committee meeting, which Walton will bring to the next Sustainability Committee meeting on September 24, 2009. All are welcome to attend.

The slide show for the October 27, 2009 \$500 energy challenge kick-off meeting was reviewed. Loxsom, Hoyle and Walton will share the presentation. Rebecca Meyer, Senior Program Administrator of Conservation and Load Management for CL&P, has offered to present the home audit programs that evening and provide some items for the starter kit. Walton will arrange with Ms. Meyer. Marion Kurland, from Charter Communications, has agreed to film the progress of this challenge beginning with the kick-off meeting. The challenge has been put on the website, press releases sent out to the local papers and radio stations, given out at school open houses and the Know Your Towns Fair. Walton will send the flyer to the e-mails of people who attended energy programs in the past and will put a notice in the trash bill inserts. Spurlock will hand out flyers at the Farmers Market. Loxsom will send out an e-mail through ECSU. Britton will post at the Willimantic Food Co-op and contact Rich Miller about sending out an e-mail to UConn staff. Hoyle will distribute through WAIM. Gupta will work on an article for the Reminder Newspaper.

Walton stated that funding has been restored for subsidized fluorescent lighting sales, which the Clean Energy Team has hosted several times in the past. Discussion was held on the importance of supporting the sale of quality bulbs that are long-lasting. Britton will bring in a recent issue of *Consumer Report* that rated compact fluorescent bulbs to the next meeting. Staff was directed to find what brands of bulbs the vendor, TechniArt, sells and report back to the group.

Walton said that a Willington resident who has developed a hybrid fuel cell vehicle is interested in talking to the group. Walton was advised to ask for some written information on this technology to bring to a future meeting.

Hoyle stated that he is working with others to promote converting military arms manufacture to renewable energy manufacture.

The next meeting, October 20, 2009 will be cancelled. The group will meet briefly at 6:30 on October 27, 2009, followed by the \$500 energy challenge introductory presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Manager, Town Clerk