

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Energy Education Team
Minutes of the Meeting
August 17, 2010

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

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes from the July 20, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Walton reported that at the July 28, 2010 meeting the sustainability committee examined the carbon calculator energy data for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 fiscal years. The committee also worked on a first year progress report that will be given to Town Council in the fall.

Loxsom offered ECSU student help in rating Mansfield municipal building roofs for solar panels.

Williams gave a 20by2010 Clean Energy Google Group report.

The team evaluated the seven Energy Challenge households that turned in their 2009 and 2010 electric bills. Elizabeth Robinson had the largest electrical energy drop of 170 kilowatt hours; the Methodist Church parsonage and the Santasiere household were tied with the largest percentage drop of 33%. Mrs. Robinson will receive \$500 in energy efficiency prizes and the Methodist Church and Santasiere's will be given \$250 in energy efficiency prizes. If enough grant money is left, then the four other households, if they are not participating already, will have the first year of CleanEnergyOptions paid for. The Chronicle, Neighbors Newspaper and Reminder News will be contacted for a photo shot of the winners. Britton volunteered to draft an article for the papers. Walton will notify the winners and ask Miriam Kurland to do a follow-up video taping.

Walton reported that Connecticut Innovations has gone out to bid for the installation of the additional solar panels on the EO Smith High School rooftop now that the Town has reached 500 points. Walton, Spurlock and Williams will be at the August 21, 2010 Storrs Farmer's Market to observe Community Energy salesperson Jim Iacovelli's sales pitch for the CleanEnergyOptions program.

Walton stated that the initial meeting for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Energy Challenge grant has been scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2010 at 7 pm in the Mansfield Library Buchanan Auditorium.

Nash reported that the Juniper Hill Village solar system installation date has been moved to January 2011. Nash stated that the Mansfield Center for Nursing and

Rehabilitation is very interested in solar thermal systems. The Mansfield Housing Authority will be installing a 10 to 15 kilowatt photovoltaic system on their roof.

The Team discussed applying to the Community Catalyst Fund for money to develop an interactive web map of Mansfield's sustainability initiatives. It was suggested that other websites be checked out for design ideas.

Walton explained that on 10/10/10 the organization, 350.org, will be hosting a Global Work Party. Nash suggested a Mansfield "hang out to dry" campaign for the day.

Walton asked if members would be willing to have an interactive display at the Festival on the Green, September 12. Loxsom volunteered a solar cooker. Walton stated that she would invite Jim Iacovelli. Nash suggested that the WRTD bus be parked at the Festival.

Hoyle distributed "Converted?" buttons, part of People, Power & Light's campaign to start discussions about converting to clean energy systems.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

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