

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Energy Education Team
Minutes of the Meeting
October 19, 2010

Present: Britton (chair), Hoyle, Williams, Milius, Walton (staff)

The meeting began at 7:11 pm.

The minutes from the September 28, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Williams gave a 20by2010 google group report. The solar thermal incentive has increased its benefit primarily for businesses making it a very good deal. Opower, has been hired by the CT Energy Efficiency Fund to provide a service to 24,000 CL&P customers which will give them monthly written reports, an interactive website detailing their energy usage and compare it to their neighbors.

Walton reported that the Santasiere household, one of the Mansfield Energy Challenge winners, has made purchases of a rain barrel, ceiling fan and foam insulation. None of the challenge households that were offered CleanEnergyOptions free for the first year has responded. Walton will make follow-up calls.

The start date for the Neighbor to Neighbor Challenge has been moved to January 2011. Residents were notified about the challenge in the trash bill inserts. Walton has received calls from several interested residents. The next step is to set-up a brainstorming meeting with Roger Smith and neighboring towns. Tentative dates for the meeting are Tuesday, November 9 or Wednesday, November 10, 2010. Walton will work on arranging a meeting time and place.

Milius reported that 136 people promised to hang out their wash on 10/10/10. Southeast School and Goodwin had clothes line displays. Sally spoke about "Hang Out With Us" on National Public Radio's *Where We Live* program. Denise Merrill presented a citation from the State Legislature at the Storrs Farmer's Market on October 9, 2010. Names were drawn for the raffle prizes. Alisa Bray from Chaplin won the clothes line and Maria Proser from Glenridge won dinner for two at Jao Praya Thai Restaurant. The Chronicle will include pictures of Hang Out With Us in their photo album. Milius will send thank you cards to Willards, Mansfield Supply, Bill Lennon, Denise Merrill, Friendly's, Starbucks, EcoHouse and Jao Praya Thai Restaurant for their donations.

Hoyle stated that on November 21, 2010 the interreligious Eco-Justice group will be awarding churches that did an exceptional job of reducing energy as a result of the "This Old House of Worship" energy audit training. "Beyond Transforming Our Communities for the 21st Century," a program focused on how communities can transition off of fossil fuels, will be held in Hamden on October 24, 2010.

The next meeting will be held November 16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully,

Virginia Walton