

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Energy Education Team  
Minutes of the Meeting  
January 11, 2011

Present: Sally Milius (acting chair), Dennison Nash, Pene Williams, Coleen Spurlock, Madeline Priest (guest), Jenna Zelentz (guest), Jeff Crawford (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

Milius called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting were approved.

Walton reported that the sustainability committee finished developing their priorities. The priorities fall under five broad categories: (1) staffing, (2) gathering data/informed planning, (3) raising public awareness and educating residents, (4) engaging and participating in Town projects and (5) economic sustainability.

Priest reported that the official launch of the Neighbor to Neighbor website ([www.ctenergychallenge.com](http://www.ctenergychallenge.com)) has been moved to the end of March. An on-line database will be one of the website's features. The price for the Home Energy Solutions audit will most likely rise from \$75 to \$99 by the time the challenge begins. Six Home Energy Solutions contractors have committed to promote the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge. Organizations that partner with the Town will earn points toward a cash prize. Neighbor to Neighbor is in the process of selecting energy efficiency contractors – any references from the committee would be appreciated. Committee members reported which Mansfield organizations are interested in partnering in the challenge. Priest will meet with these organizations and send an updated list of partners to the committee. Crawford and Zelentz went over some of their campaign ideas targeted for businesses, churches and schools. Neighbor to Neighbor organizers are looking to highlight households that have made energy improvements on the website. It was suggested that some of the Mansfield Energy Challenge participants would be excellent candidates for "testimonials". Priest stated that on January 26, 2011, author Seth Leightman will be presenting a "Green Lighting" program at Eastern Connecticut State University at 6 pm in the Science room 104.

Walton reported that four additional kilowatts should be added to the EO Smith photovoltaic system by the end of the month. According to Dan Britton, Juniper Hill Village should receive their solar panels in February. As of December, the Mansfield Library, Eagleville Fire Station, Storrs Fire Station and Senior Center have small photovoltaic systems that are in operation.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton