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Energy Education Team
Minutes of the Meeting
March 6, 2012

Present: Coleen Spurlock (chair), Doug Goodstein, Madeline Priest (Neighbor to Neighbor), Kevin Donahue (Neighbor to Neighbor), Ginny Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by chair Coleen Spurlock.

The February 7, 2012 meeting minutes were accepted.

Coleen gave a transition town update. The Mansfield transition group is planning a brick-making morning on March 10, 2012, 10 a.m. at the site of UConn's EcoVillage. The Willimantic group is working on a mission statement, web presence and publicity.

Madeline reported that in Mansfield there have been 61 energy audits, 6 home improvement projects and 42 lighting retrofits. The Neighbor to Neighbor rewards program has been changed from winning specific prizes to cash rewards. Madeline recently taught Goodwin's second graders by having them make pin wheels. During April Energy Awareness month, each Mansfield student will be asked to make an energy pledge and do a home energy hunt. The Energy Education Team recommended collecting all the pledges at the end of the month, categorizing them and reporting responses back to the schools. Madeline will ask for permission to collect the pledges. Madeline suggested asking Jeff Cryan if he is willing to write about his experience with the home energy audit that can be sent around to the Mansfield schools.

Members discussed challenging the schools during April energy awareness month to earn the most home energy solutions and/or lighting retrofit sign-ups. The school with the most sign ups will earn an Earth Day celebration at their school. Madeline will ask the PTOs of the schools if this is something that they are interested in hosting with help from the Energy Education Team.

The Team discussed canvassing neighborhoods for the next two meetings, April 3 and May 1, 2012. Madeline and Kevin recommended canvassing the development behind the library (Clark Street), along Puddin Lane and Clearview Drive, and Circle Drive. Members decided to devote their regular meeting time on April 3 to canvas one or more neighborhoods to promote lighting retrofits and home energy audits.

It was suggested creating a do-it-yourself saving energy brochure for UConn students that can be distributed over the summer and during the fall. Madeline volunteered to draft something for the committee to comment on via e-mail.

The Energy Panel presentation, scheduled for March 21, 2012 needs to be promoted. Coleen and Dough will contact UConn; Ginny will send out flyers to the elementary schools.

Saturday, March 10 2012 is a regional energy task force meeting hosted by the Town of Mansfield. Doug and Ginny will be attending.

Ginny will draft a series of queries that could be used in the decision-making process for municipal employees. Doug volunteered to help with developing this.

For the Climate Forum on March 27, 2012, Doug will create 3X5 information sheets to hand out.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2012 at **6:30** in order to assemble for canvassing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton