

## ENERGY COMMISSION

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## **WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION**

### **Meeting, Wednesday August 26, 2015**

### **Library, Presidents Room**

### **7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

### **Minutes**

**Members Present:** Bruce Hampson - Chairman ; Richard Creeth , Patrice Gillespie , Glen Hemmerle.

**Members Absent :** Peter Wrampe - Vice Chair ; Debra Thompson - Van - Vice Chair , Gil Bray.

**Guest Present :** Kate Donnelly , Community Outreach Manager - Smart Power.

1. Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Patrice Gillespie moved and Richard Creeth seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2015 Minutes . The motion passed unanimously .
3. Solarize Wilton Plan : Kate Donnelly of Smart Power presented the planned details of the next CT Solarize initiative.
  - Estimated to begin in October 2015
  - Smart Power & The CT Green Bank will issue an RFP to vendors and vet several for the Municipality to select. The RFP will request a firm price for a Solar installation. This plan will not include a movable cost structure as a function of number of installations.
  - Home Owner will contract with the selected vendor.
  - Smart Power will *assist* in the marketing of the initiative which will have a 20 week maximum duration..
  - The Board of Selectmen will need to sign an agreement with the CT Green Bank supporting the plan.
  - Chairman Hampson noted that this effort would be a partnership with Wilton Go Green (WGG) . The Energy Commisison would manage the approval process with the Town Counsel, the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen. WGG would be responsible for the Outreach effort with Smart Power.
  - Patrice Gillespie moved and Richard Creeth seconded a motion to endorse and recommend to the Board of Selectmen to approve a Solarize Wilton initiative , with the understanding that the WGG would participate as noted. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Energy Commission Website
  - In Peter Wrampe's absence , Richard Creeth gave an update on the progress of the Website. He showed the Commission the website and noted the changes and improvements which are significant. A needed addition is a photo for the home page.

5. EPA Benchmarking Status : Richard Creeth gave an update on his progress with the EPA Benchmarking program. Richard believes that data is complete from Eversource and is waiting on fuel oil data from the School to complete the School buildings.
  - A discussion followed on how the data can be continually updated by the "owners" and how the data can be translated to a useful format that can be used to change behavior and / or identify "excessive" consumption for investigation and correction and possible capital investment.
  - Wilton, by virtue of implementing the EPA Benchmarking program has earned from Eversource an ASHRAE 1 Energy Audit of a Building . The Commission agreed with Chairman Hampson to audit Town Hall. The result of the audit could help confirm the decision of where to invest the Bright Ideas Grant .
6. DEEP & Environmental Community Up-Date : Patrice Gillespie
  - CT Clean Energy Communities up-date
    - "Bright Ideas" & Renewable Energy Grant - \$14,500 . The Commission agreed to investigate the possibility to use the grant money to increase the energy efficiency of Town Hall by relamping with LED lighting.
  - Southwest CT Energy Efficiency workshop - September 3, Wilton Library : Hosted by Wilton Go Green.
    - Chairman Hampson urged all members to attend this first Energy Efficiency workshop by Eversource. First Selectman Brennan will provide opening remarks.
  - "Climate Change & Sustainability " Forum : Institute for Sustainable Energy - Sept 17 .
  - Governor's Council on Climate Change : Date to be announced.
  - Other
7. Director of Facilities and Energy Management : Chairman Hampson reported that a very qualified professional has accepted this position and will start on September 1, 2015
8. Schedule of next Meeting : September 23 , 2015
9. Adjournment