ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting , Wednesday , January 22 , 2014 Rimer Room , Library Minutes

Members Present: Bruce Hampson - Chairman, Peter Wrampe -Vice Chairman, Gil Bray, Hal Clark , Patrice Gillespie, Glen Hemmerle, Walter Kress.

Members Absent: Debra Thompson-Van - Vice Chairman, Richard Creeth, Rob Sanders **Guest Present**:: Karen Stanley, President ,Wilton Go-Green; Jana Bertkau , Wilton Go-Green; Tina Duncan , *Earth Hour* Advocate ; Mark Robbins , CEFIA C-PACE Consultant.

- 1. Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM
- 2. Chairman Hampson reported that Karen Birck has stepped down as Board of Education Representative to be replaced by Glen Hemmerle, the new BOE Representative . Hampson welcomed Glen to the Commission.
- 3. Hal Clark moved and was unanimously seconded that the minutes reflect the Board's Thanks and appreciation for Karen's long and constructive role as the BOE Representative to the Energy Commission.
- 4. Gil Bray moved and Peter Wrampe seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 20, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.
- CCM Solar PV, Virtual Net Metering: Peter Wrampe reported on information that Baystate Consultants provided on the CCM Net Metering Program. Peter recommended that, because details were vague and confusing, the Commission not recommend Wilton's participation in the program. The Commission agreed.
- 6. Fuel Cell Evaluation Wilton High School : Peter Wrampe will arrange a visit to FuelCell Energy Inc to explore the feasibility of a fuel Cell at Wilton High School.
- 7. C- PACE Breakfast, Dec 5, 2013: Bruce Hampson and Mark Robbins reported on the success of the C-PACE Breakfast at Rolling Hills. Thirteen (13) Commercial firms and the Chamber of Commerce attended. Three firms have completed an application to begin the process. Mark Robbins asked the Commission to assist in contacting several firms that did not attend the Breakfast.

- 8. W.G.G. Report : Karen Stanley reported on the 2014 W.G.G Plans.
 - Library lecture / Movie series
 - The W.G.G will add Recycling to their 2014 plans. Specifically DVD's and DD's
 - Go-Green Festival is scheduled for Sunday May 4, 2014
 - Tina Duncan reported on the world wide *Earth Hour* 'Dark City ' event scheduled for March 29, 2014. W.G.G. has endorsed Wilton's participation in the event and Tina Duncan asked that the Energy Commission do likewise.
 - a. Chairman Hampson requested that Tina prepare a short report on the history and purpose of the event for the Commission to vote on endorsing Wilton's participation at the next meeting on February 26.
- 9. CT Clean Energy Communities program: "Bright Ideas Award" \$10,000.
 - Bruce Hampson recommended that the Commission revisit the suggestion that the \$10,000 award be used to complete the insulation of the "Yellow House" at Ambler Farm .
 - Hal Clark moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to approve that use. Patrice Gillespie seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
- 10. Yankee Gas Energy Savings: Walter Kress, at the request of Bill Brennan, re-calculated the savings resulting from the conversion to natural gas from fuel oil for Wilton's Schools and the Comstock Community Center. Walter also researched the projected future gas energy cost vs fuel oil. Time was short for Walter's full report which will be given to the Commission at the February 26 Meeting. Walter will participate in the Bill Brennan's Yankee Gas project meeting on Friday January 24, 2013.
- 11. Schedule of next meetings; The Commission will meet on the fourth Wednesdays of each month:
 - February 26
 - March 26
 - April 23
 - May 28
- 12. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm