WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 27, 2011 7:00 pm Wilton Library, President's Room

Members Present: Bruce Hampson, Chair; Paula Byrdy, Hal Clark, Patrice Gillespie, Paul

Mazzarulli, Jana Bertkau Wilton Go-Green Inc Representative.

Prospective Member: Rob Sanders

Members absent: Karen Birck, Dona Pratt, Richard Creeth, Vice Chair.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Hampson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

- **2. Approval of Minutes** of meeting of September 29, 2011. Hal Clark moved that the minutes be approved. The Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3. Chairman Hampson thanked member Paul Mazzarulli for his willingness to serve on the Commission and regretted that his business travel prevented him from continuing as an active member. Paul will continue as an associate and assist with the business of the Commission, as he is able.
- **4. Wilton Go-Green Report:** Jana Bertkau reported that the Neighbor-to Neighbor Campaign has increased momentum and the Coalition of Community Organizations continues to grow. The Home Energy Workshop held on October 26 was a well-attended success.

The WGG will not hold a Festival this May and is considering other means of commemorating Earth Day.

5. Comstock Community Center & Cider Mill School Energy Upgrades

Bruce Hampson reported that the BOS had approved the Comstock contract and that the Cider Mill project was well on its way toward completion. The contractor lowered the total cost of the Cider Mill project due to a pricing error. The savings remain the same and the payback was enhanced.

6. Performance Contracting

Bruce Hampson showed a presentation prepared by the CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM) on the Performance Contracting program developed for use by municipal members of the CCM. Wilton is a member.

7. Public Act 11-80.

Patrice Gillespie showed a presentation prepared by Clean Water Action on the benefits and issues of this legislation as it affects municipalities like Wilton.

8. BYOB Campaign.

Bruce Hampson reported that the goal of 50% compliance (Reusable bag use) by November would not be met. The Board of Selectmen agreed to "revisit" the subject if that was the case. Wilton Go-Green Inc. and the Energy Commission will confer on recommending an appropriate next step.

9. Tax and Fees on Residential Clean Energy Investments.

This Agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Twelve-Month Action Agenda.

Bruce Hampson proposed an Action Agenda that would span the next twelve months. A key premise is the need for the Commission to educate and be a resource for the Community on the benefits and opportunities contained in PA 11-80. A spirited discussion ensued. There was consensus that this was an appropriate role for the Commission. Assignments were made to create reference guides for those opportunities.

11. Schedule for next meeting.

Bruce Hampson will canvass members before scheduling the November meeting.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM