

**MINUTES**  
**Energy Committee**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2010 @ 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

Members present: John Conroy, Tom Wallace, Jon Szuch, and First Selectman Paul Roy.  
Not present: Deirdre Caruso, Jim Garofolo, Tom Eighmie, Joe Deegan, Phil Wilhelmy, and Rick Belden

Meeting was open at 7:10 PM by Chairman John Conroy.

**Item # 1 - Pledge of Allegiance.** Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item # 2 –Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2010.**

Motion by Paul Roy (Ex-Officio)                      2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Wallace

Vote: 3-Yes                                      0-No                      1-Abstain (Jon Szuch)                                      0-Disqualify

**Item # 3 – Presentation by Connecticut Clean Energy Fund**

Bob Wall, Director, Energy Market Initiatives, Connecticut Clean Energy Fund, delivered a presentation on the current operations, programs and initiatives of the Fund. The initial part of the presentation covered the 2010 Clean Energy Campaign, under which participating municipalities that meet the goals of the campaign can receive solar panel installations in increments of 1kW paid for in full (including installation) by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. Currently, 101 municipalities across the state have enrolled in the program, and many have met the qualifications for, and received and had installed, at least one solar panel. The program goals include (a) procuring at least 20% of the town's overall electric energy needs from defined renewable energy sources; (b) joining the U.S. EPA Community Energy Challenge; and (c) achieving a scoring pint level of at least 100 points based on the participation by Seymour residents and businesses in clean energy purchases or generation. Mr. Wall shared examples of what many other towns were doing to meet these goals.

Next, Mr. Wall discussed the Community Innovation Grant program, under which municipalities can sign up for and receives grants of up to \$4,000 per program for energy efficiency / clean energy initiatives, education or research. Once again, examples of what other towns, such as Bethany and Woodbridge, were doing in this area were discussed. Last, the programs and types of project funding for clean energy systems provided by the Connecticut Clean Energy fund were discussed, with emphasis on the types of initiatives that might be applicable in Seymour. Generally, the Fund is focused on what are termed "Class 1" renewable as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, which include solar systems, hydro, geothermal, fuel cells and certain other defined technologies.

**Item # 4 – Discussion of Work Plan Tasks & Assignments.**

- a. Energy Audits /Project Identification (Tom Eighmie / Tom Wallace / Joe Deegan)  
Tom Wallace briefly summarized the key items and findings in the report issued from the Public Works building walk through that had been carried out by Joe Deegan and Tom. The Committee discussed several of the findings and also some of the predecessor work that would be necessary (such as roof repairs) prior to implementing certain of the energy efficiency steps, since without such predecessor efforts the efficiency options would be only minimally effective. The next facility for a walk through will be the Seymour Middle School.
- b. Funding Sources – Work is ongoing. Based on this evening’s presentation, the Town will pursue enrollment in the 2010 Clean Energy Campaign, and begin to look at specific funding options within the Clean Energy Fund program. In addition, as a follow-up to the prior meeting, the Committee will send all necessary data to Johnson Controls so that the first step in their performance contracting approach (a free feasibility study) can be carried out in order to determine what projects under that funding source make sense.

**Item # 5 – Plan for Next Meeting:** The next Committee meeting, in accordance with the normal schedule, is currently planned for Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. The primary subject matter of this meeting will be prioritization of identified projects (from the various walk-throughs, as well as Town Capital Project needs, as well as the Johnson Controls analysis), as well as the matching of potential or known funding sources to such projects, so that the first series of projects can be commenced and completed in the fall of 2010.

**Item # 7 – Adjournment**      Motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Motion: Jon Szuch                      2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Wallace

Vote    4-Yes                      0-No                              0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Submitted & Reviewed by,

John Conroy, Chairman