

TOWN OF SOUTHTON  
ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 25, 2010

A meeting of the Energy Committee for the Town of Southington was held at the office of The Southington Water Department, 605 West Queen Street, Southington.

Present: Chairman Frederick Rogers, Fred Cox, Sharon Vocke, John Degioia, and ex-officio members Anthony Tranquillo, Town Engineer.

1.) CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2.) APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Cox to table the December 21, 2009 meeting minutes until the February 22, 2010 Energy Committee meeting to allow the Committee further review. The motion was second by Mr. Tranquillo and passed unanimously.

3.) COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications from the Public-None

b. Communications from Committee Members

Chairman Rogers informed the Committee that he will be meeting with Robert Palmer from the Town of West Hartford to discuss/review their Energy Committee strategies.

4.) OLD BUSINESS

a. DBS energy study:

Gary Lane of DBS Energy provided the Committee with an update on the DOE grant the Town was awarded. The money was released and DBS is moving forward with the installation of solar panels on the Southington Fire Department's North Main Street building location.

A phased approach for an Energy study of all Town buildings was discussed and agreed upon by the Committee.

The Committee discussed approaching the Town Council for a line item in the up-coming budget for approximately \$25,000; this money would enable the Energy Committee to pursue additional energy evaluation strategies.

b.) Update on 20% by 2010 Champaign:

A representative from sterling planet presented different options for the Town to choose from to meet their 20% by 2010 commitment. Options were discussed by the Committee. Chairman Rogers requested that each Town department submit a CL&P annual consumption request form which

will enable Sterling Plant to calculate what it would cost the Town to purchase credits to meet the 20% by 2010 commitment.

c.) Waste Water Treatment Plant-RFQ:

Chairman Rogers presented the written RFQ to the Committee with the added energy component for their review. Ms. Vocke made a motion to approve the RFQ energy component language as presented by Chairman Rogers. Mr. Degioia seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d.) Streetlight Retrofit Program

After considerable research on street light retrofit programs and the cost associated with implementation, Chairman Rogers recommended the Committee revisit this program at a later date possibly when funding becomes available. The Committee agreed.

e.) EPA Energy Star Bench Mark Software

Chairman Rogers asked Committee members who are Town employees to initiate this software program on one building from each Town Department. This software is a good benchmarking start point tool which will enable the Committee to evaluate the energy performance of Town Department buildings. The Committee agreed.

f.) Energy Committee Mission Statement Review

Chairman Rogers asked the Committee to revisit the Mission Statement at the February 22, 2010 Energy Committee meeting to allow for additional review. The Committee agreed.

5.) NEW BUSINESS

a.) CL&P Free Audit Programs

Chairman Rogers is reviewing this program with the Town of Southington CL&P rep; he will report back to the Committee at the February committee meeting.

6.) ADJOURN

Committee member Degioia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Cox seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.