

**Tolland Energy Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2010**

**Energy Task Force Present:** Mark Summers, Michael Gannon, Letitia Naigles, Mark Riesbeck, David Scotti, David Crowell, Joshua Freeman, George Roberts, Fiona Stewart (Intern)

**Liaisons Present:** Beverly Bellody (Town), Chris White (BOE)

**Others Present:** Roger Smith (West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force)

Meeting was held at Hicks Memorial Town Council Chambers

Mark Summers called to order: 7:00PM

**Approval of Minutes:** Mark Summers moved to approve the September 1<sup>st</sup> minutes.  
Discussion: None. All were in favor

**Introductions**

Letia Naigles introduced Fiona Stewart who is a UConn student that will be serving as an intern for TETF this year.

**Roger Smith Presentation**

Roger provided an overview of the West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force (WHCETF) and provided insight into experiences that could be applied in Tolland. WHCETF is currently focused on developing a comprehensive strategy which includes reducing energy consumption by 20% over the next decade. The strategy will be used to guide the group going forward. Past projects include:

- Benchmarked energy usage for all town/school buildings.
- Reduced energy consumption through behavioral based changes (awareness of building heads/occupants for turning off lights, reducing heating/cooling, etc).
- Lecture series by task force members to town residents.
- Use of signups for clean energy suppliers (Sterling Planet or Community Energy) as a source of funding (\$20 for each new signup) for task force projects.
- Hired an energy manager that will be shared with surrounding towns using a combination of money saved from energy conservation and grants.
- Installed 400 kW of PV solar panels on a town building by utilizing a power purchase agreement.
- Installed free PV solar panels from CT Clean Energy fund.

Roger provided advice on how to get town residents and businesses involved in energy related projects. He highlighted the need for outreach to encourage businesses/residents to follow the Town's lead in energy conservation projects. While cost savings and environmental impact provide some motivation for implementing changes, the strongest

driver appears to be the social pressures of seeing peers making these changes. Outreach will be important for educating the town residents about the Town Hall geothermal project. Roger encouraged TETF to utilize volunteers that have expressed interest through signups at various TETF public events as well as to look to organizations such as Toxic Actions Center for assistance in getting the word out.

Further information about WHCETF can be found here:  
<http://westhartfordcleanenergy.org/west-hartfords-new-energy-plan/>

### **Geothermal Design Status**

The design team is reviewing the final proposal for the Town Hall geothermal system design on Thursday 10/7. The proposal will be presented to Town Council at their next meeting on Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. TETF members are encouraged to attend to show support for the proposal.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Publications, Communication, Education**  
Letia Naigles and several other TETF members hosted an information display at the recent Tolland Day celebration. Feedback was positive and many visitors expressed interest in learning more about TETF.
- **Technologies and Infrastructure Analysis: No report**
- **Funding Development: No report**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
George Roberts