

TOWN OF MANSFIELD  
Energy Education Team  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 28, 2010

Present: Britton (chair), Nash, Spurlock, Hoyle, Walton (staff)

The meeting began at 7:11 p.m.

The minutes from the August 17, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Walton reported that at the September 22, 2010 meeting the sustainability committee began comparing fiscal year 2008, 2009 and 2010 municipal energy data.

The team discussed the prizes proposed by the \$500 Energy Challenge winners. For Elizabeth Robinson the team generally agreed on using the money for a ductless heat pump system or ceiling fans and an energy star rated air conditioner; for the Methodist Church parsonage, the committee liked the idea of purchasing insulated curtains for the sunroom/den and for the Santasiere household the committee was amenable to the purchase of a water barrel and a ceiling fan. Walton will contact the winners and discuss the purchases. Once the prizes are purchased, the Chronicle, Neighbors Newspaper and Reminder News will be contacted to publicize the Town's and participants' efforts.

Walton reported that the addition of four more kilowatts to the EO Smith High School rooftop photovoltaic system should be completed by the end of January 2011.

Walton distributed "Hang Out With Us" flyers. Nash, Walton and possibly Hoyle will promote this at the October 2, 2010 Storrs Farmers Market. Posters will be hung at the Willimantic Co-op and Mansfield Center General Store by Nash; the Mansfield library, Grand Union and Mansfield Supply by Britton; and laundromats and Big Y by Spurlock. Milius is arranging for help on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Community Center and Storrs Farmer's Market.

Hoyle stated that on November 21, 2010 the Interreligious Eco-Justice group will be awarding churches that did an exceptional job of reducing energy as a result of the "This Old House of Worship" energy audit training. Hoyle will be going to the presentation, and would be happy to carpool.

Hoyle reported "Beyond Transforming Our Communities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," a program focused on how communities can transition off of fossil fuels, will be held in Hamden on October 24, 2010.

Walton reported that EO Smith High School will be holding a Climate Change teach-in October 19 through 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Town has been invited to present what the municipality is doing to address climate change. Hoyle offered to help with the presentation.

Walton reported that through a contract with DCS Energy Solar the Town is working on getting six small photovoltaic systems installed on the following municipal buildings - 3 kW on the Old Town Hall, 8kW on the Senior Center, 4.5 kW on the Library, 4.5 kW on Firehouse 107, 6 kW on Firehouse 307 and 9.8 kW on the Middle School – for a total of 35.8 kW.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton  
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator

Cc: Lon R. Hultgren, Director of Public Works, Members, file, Town Managers, Town Clerk