

GREEN TASK FORCE

MINUTES of September 19, 2011 MEETING

To: Patricia H. Strauss, Town Clerk
Westport, Connecticut

Members Present: David Mann, Alan Abramson, Bruce Haymes, Hal Kendig, Steve Smith, Steve Edwards, Caroline Foster, Robbie Gershowitz

Members Absent: Wendy Batteau, Cathy Talmadge, Ken Bernhard, George Masumian

David Mann called the meeting to order at 7:39pm. The minutes from the August 15th meeting were approved

Progress on the Westport Home Energy Challenge/N2N program was discussed. We are looking to regain traction as the school year starts, with a particular focus on the educational and faith communities. Alan agreed to contact the School Superintendent to discuss Conservation Quest, potential solar installations, WHEC and possible curriculum enhancements

Steve Edwards discussed solar projects for municipal buildings and the potential for a possible wind turbine use and placement

Steve Smith talked about the train station electric charging station

Bruce mentioned that the GTF should try to become more involved in what is happening on Main Street regarding “redevelopment”. We discussed potential good “corporate partners” such as the new Nike store, Lululemon, Patagonia, Starbucks and Whole Foods

Caroline and Robbie talked about integration with the Staples Green Club and their potential efforts with WHEC. They also said they would get back to us as to who will be the Staples green Club representatives on the GTF this year

David mentioned that we should go to the First Selectman and ask to waive fees for renewable installations. The town would not lose much income and could get a lot of positive publicity

Bruce asked about the “mixed-use recycling” program and Steve Edwards explained how it was going and including the work being done by various vendors. Bruce mentioned that we need to improve resident education on the program

New member recruitment was discussed by the committee

Sub-Committee memberships were finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Submitted by;
Alan Abramson
David Mann

Co-Chairs