

## Weston Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes 1-11-11

### Attendees:

Members-Deirdre Doran, David Wilk, Lou Dempsey, Clem Butt, Phoebe Cole

Guests- Helen deKeyzer, Steve DeLay, Shari Aaron, Amy Kalafa, Dan Levinson, Lauren Fay

Dan Levinson, Lauren Fay and Amy Kalafa spoke about the Green Village Initiative.

They are a private foundation with resources to help neighboring communities establish “green” initiatives. Organization is very flat.

They are involved in food/farming, energy, water, and education.

They feel their bargaining power is in keeping with their work local and personal.

They were able to lease Wakeman Farm for \$1 and the science teacher from Staples lives on the property. He maintains the farm and educates the students from local schools about food and farming.

Westport has a similar organization to the WSC called the Westport Clean Energy Task Force.

We discussed the Lachat property and feel that it would be ideal for a similar initiative. Made reference to *The Homestead Book*, as a model.

Lauren Fay, a Weston resident, started a Weston GVI in the last month. They have about eleven members.

Spoke about a garden at WMS, which they could build for roughly \$2000. Offered that if it got “weedy” and unruly we could insert a clause to break it down at our expense if the school was not satisfied.

Dan and Lauren from GVI left at we started our meeting at 8:00.

David reviewed the upcoming speaker series:

4/3/11 Anna Lapee, [Diet for a Hot Planet](#)

2/6/11 James Kunstler, [The Long Emergency](#)

Working on Jared Duval

Amy Kalafa mentioned that she had produced a program on channel 654 on energy.

Lou reviewed very briefly the plan he is working on with Don.

Lou contacted Roger Smith of Clean Water regarding the Hydrogen Fuel cell project. Roger suggested making a call to West Hartford as they have worked on a similar project.

Clem met with Weston/Westport Health to review water quality issues. Working on a few items including: research on organic fertilizers, accessing wildflower seeds for those who wish to convert lawn area, also database for existing oil tanks.

Helen inquired about the N2N program which should commence in the next few weeks.

Meeting was moved to adjourn by David Wilk, seconded by Phoebe Cole-Smith. Adjourned at 9:02 PM