

**Weston Select Committee on Sustainability**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes, Feb 22, 2010, 7pm Town Hall**

Attending: Kassandra & Martin Strasmore, David Weber, Deirdre Doran

1. Previous meeting notes approved unanimously.
2. Deirdre Doran reported on **CT Clean Energy meeting** held in Easton, Information was given on all the incentive programs available, and we agreed that this would be very valuable to get out to the community at large.  
A lot of information is on a website [www](http://www).

**3. Earth Day:** Committee will hold an event around Earth Day (April 22) at the Library or church  
An idea: To conserve energy and save money, eg how to buy appliances, change out window, pc panels, geo thermal heating, etc.  
Invite vendors to represent areas and share with town people.  
Deidre to check dates with Library  
David to talk with Woody & investigate Norfield Church hall  
Martin to contact vendors (solar PV, solar HW, Home Depot).  
David to contact Rob Gary

**4. Discussion on changing the charter of the Committee to focus more on Sustainability,**  
for example.

- a. Increase awareness of sustainability as a bigger issue than energy
- b. Encourage carbon reduction goals and actions in households
- c. Support town carbon reduction goals
- d. Heighten awareness of the financial benefits of sustainability, eg through incentives and energy saving rebate programs. The linkage between good economics & sustainability
- e. Increase ecological intelligence so people become more mindful of the impact of their buying decisions
- f. The benefits of locally grown food, (locovore)
- g. Relate to clean water, the use of chemicals in the home & garden

Martin agreed to draft a new charter (old one below)

- To increase awareness of our impact on Global warming and how each of us can make a difference.
- To encourage the community to establish reduction goals and then personally find ways to conserve energy and reduce our consumption of fossil fuels.
- To support Town initiatives to reduce the Town's energy consumption and CO2 emissions

**5. Other ideas:**

1. Brown bag lunch w Dave Lustberg (Martin to follow up)
2. Essay contest – Sustainability and consumerism – how to be a sustainable, conscious consumer? (Deidre to follow up)

**Next Meeting agreed March 22 at 7.15pm**

This meeting adjourned at 8.15 pm