

## **DRAFT Minutes of Weston Select Committee on Global Warming :Thursday January 8, 2009**

Weston Town Hall, Commission Room

Attendees: David Weber, David Wilk, Deirdre Doran, Kassandra and Martin Strasmore. Erika Lelievre was also present.

Meeting was brought to order at 5:05 pm.

**1. Approve previous minutes:** Minutes for Oct 8, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously.

### **2. News & updates**

Welcome to David Wilk, our new committee member.

Deirdre reported that changing thermostats for senior citizens is not viable because of legal issues. Weston has earned 3KW solar panel for installation in the Town, we need confirmation that the town has paid Sterling Planet *(Martin to follow up)*.

*Deirdre will follow up with Woody* regarding recycling and garbage hauling discussed in July meeting.

### **3. Green Cup Challenge** *(Erika Lelievre presented)*

3 towns of Wilton, Westport and Weston have started and will continue for January. It is based on people completing an on-line survey, with bonus points for 3 extra questions and sign up for clean energy. This is being organized by the 3 high schools' science teachers and some of their students. Erika has spoken to the Forum about an article in next week's issue and will talk with the PTO. We will all email information/web link to our contacts in Town. *(Martin to send out email)*.

### **4. Conference planning for installing Solar panels**

We agreed to target 22nd January to have this working session in the library at 7.30pm *(Kassandra to check with library)*. *Martin will work with CT Clean Energy Fund to organize*. Bob Wall (on the phone) said we will need 4 possible sites that meet these criteria: minimal shading, good roof, internet access (making the data available for education), publicly visible, safety.

### **5. Clean energy sign up plans**

Sterling Planet offered to print a new sign up form for mailings. David Wilk will contact Forum regarding possibility of insert or Ad. *Martin will contact Sterling regarding paying for insert*. *Erika will contact PTO* regarding inserting in their mailing and including notice about Green Cup Challenge.

### **6. Other activities and 2009 plan**

- Weston reusable bags: *David Wilk will research cost and material options*. *Martin will contact Sterling Planet and CT clean energy fund to see about funding*. *Kassandra will confirm money remaining from ANTI-IDLING Grant*. Later we will contact the Weston retailers regarding selling the bags.
- Carbon Footprint reduction workshops: The idea here is to engage town employees and school administrators, staff, teachers and students in 2 separate brainstorming and implementation sessions to reduce carbon print and energy costs. *Martin will call superintendent and Woody Bliss*. Also he will contact "Carbon Considerations", a consulting company, to get help.
- David Wilk proposed community support for agricultural coops to raise awareness of benefits of buying local food and the possibility of Town land for garden plots. *Kassandra will follow up regarding Town garden plots*.
- We will create one joint email list for sending out information. (Please start putting together).

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm