

## GREEN TASK FORCE

### MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2011 MEETING

**Members Present:** Alan Abramson, David Mann, Wendy Batteau, Nicki Brill, George Masumian, Cathy Talmadge, Steve Smith.

**Members Absent:** Ken Bernhard, Steve Edwards, Bruce Haymes, Hal Kendig, Ben Meyers

D. Mann called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. The minutes of the December 2010 meeting were approved.

1. Jessica Bergmann provided an update on the “Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge” program. Highlights included the selection of a technology partner to build reporting software with the functionality originally presented as part of the grant proposal and the ability to track real life realized energy savings. The company (Snug Home) will also be building an iPad application.

Ms. Bergman also reviewed N2N’s town specific outreach plan for Westport including an interim website with a multi-faceted landing page , facebook integration and a news letter, along with direct community outreach. Additionally, she sought feedback from the task force on the plan.

Ms. Bergman discussed the N2N lighting program and announced two tiers of weatherization workshops – one for those homeowners who have never had HES and one for those who have and are seeking to take next steps.

Lastly, Ms. Bergman discussed the N2N launch. She stated there would be a statewide launch and a local launch and sought the Task Force’s input as to whether the local event would work better as a Westport only event, or as an event with our cluster partners would be better. The Task Force’s feedback was that Westport should be able to get the necessary press attention, but the real question that the N2N staff should be asking was whether this was a press event or an introduce the program to stakeholders meeting.

2. The task force had a discussion on sustainability in Town/School purchasing and capital projects and agreed to re-approach both the Board of Ed and the RTM to offer task for assistance with this issue and to ask these bodies how the task force might best work with them to accomplish the sustainability goals outlined in the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.
3. D. Mann reported that B. Haymes had been in contact with the Town regarding migrating the Task Force website to the Town’s website and would report more after he had received the specifications he is seeking.

4. D. Mann announced that the Town had been invited to participate in a state funded Municipal Climate Intern Program and the Task Force unanimously recommended participation in it to the First Selectman.
5. S, Smith introduced a proposal to hold a lecture series on Sustainable Technologies for Town agencies, employees and officials. The Task Force discussed potential topics and implementation strategies including webcasting mini-seminars and unanimously requested that S. Smith and L. Cirino further develop the concept for implementation as soon as practically possible.
6. Other Business: The Task Force recommended to the First Selectman that he endorse and the Task Force promote a survey regarding obstacles to and incentive for participating in HES.

The next scheduled meeting is MONDAY February 7, 2011 at 7 p.m., Room 309, Town Hall.

Submitted by:

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