

TOWN OF HAMDEN
ENERGY USE AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION
MEETING

September 21, 2009
7:30 PM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT 06518

Commissioners In Attendance: Frank Gasparro, Chairman
Azalea Mitch
Bernard Brennan
Stephanie Siclari
Giovanni Zinn
Martin Mador

Others in Attendance: Michael Doucette, C.E.M., Lead Engineer, United Illuminating
Christopher Ehlert, Manager, Residential Energy Services, United Illuminating
Chris Marchand
Matt Corcoran
Peggy Craft, Acting Clerk of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

Mr. Doucette of UI distributed a packet entitled “Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) – Programs For Municipal, Commercial & Industrial Customers”.

Mr. Doucette discussed the packet and explained the information contained in the packet. Mr. Marchand explained that this would be an open dialog during which Mr. Doucette would present an overview of available programs and discuss specific programs that have been done in the past, and programs that could be done in the future. Mr. Doucette said he would take questions during his presentation.

Mr. Doucette discussed projects that have been completed at the Louis Astorino Ice Rink, Hamden High School and Hamden Government Center.

There were lengthy discussions regarding the information presented by Mr. Doucette.

Next, Mr. Ehlert of UI discussed the various task forces in several communities that oversee energy use and climate change. Mr. Ehlert said the company’s goal is to work with these task forces regarding residential efficient energy use. Mr. Ehlert discussed the goals of the company and the programs that are available.

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Mr. Ehlert distributed and discussed several handouts describing energy efficient equipment and programs.

There were lengthy discussions regarding the materials distributed and the programs which are available to residential energy consumers.

OLD BUSINESS

Item of Old Business will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion in regard to planning an Energy Use & Climate Change Forum for a mayoral debate regarding environmental issues. Ms. Mitch said there will be a Mayoral Open Space forum at 7:00 PM on October 6th at Thornton Wilder Auditorium. It was suggested by Mr. Mador that there be a dialog between the Town's environmental commissions and the mayoral candidates. This would include the Clean & Green, Solid Waste & Recycling and Open Space Commissions. There was further discussion regarding this. Mr. Gasparro will contact Recycling Coordinator Pam Roach about this. It was suggested that this forum be held during the last two weeks of October. Mr. Mador will look into having some of the organizations he is involved with sponsor this event.

There was a discussion regarding the stimulus money and when it will be coming in.

Next, there was a discussion concerning putting together a booklet about energy use and climate change. Ms. Mitch suggested that T-shirts be made regarding this subject.

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This item will be discussed during the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Gasparro adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Acting Clerk of the Commission