

# ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER

1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT. 06801

MEETING ROOM "B"

THURSDAY, April 7, 2011

7:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Bill Cratty, Members: David Dunn, Mark Anderson, Hank Karl, Gary Pedone, and Randi Oisher.

**ABSENT WITH NOTICE:** Fred Zalzman and Nick Ellis

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bill Cratty called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** David Dunn made a motion to approve meeting minutes of February 3, 2011. Motion was seconded by Bill Cratty. Vote, Motion approved. Gary Pedone and Randi Oisher abstained

### **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN:**

Chairman Cratty updated the committee members on the progress that has been made since the last meeting. The Town Attorney is looking into the formation of the Energy Improvement District in order to determine if it would be feasible. An ordinance would have to be created. This would be done to maximize the usage of fuel cell energy. The grant has been submitted to NREL, it will be 2 to 3 weeks before we hear about our application. Should we obtain the grant, and in order to create the Energy Improvement District, we would have to map out certain boundaries within the Town limits. The idea to possibly start at the School Complex, and end at the Transfer Station allowing for the access to as many Churches, and industrial buildings as possible was one thought. CL&P frowns on using the entire town boundaries due to the thinking that would essentially allow for the creation of a Municipal Utility Company. Therefore the goal is to utilize all of the energy we were to generate and at the same time not compete with CL&P. Chairman Cratty reported that the State Dept of Environmental Protection has looked favorably on our idea to place solar at the Transfer Station; however we as a committee are waiting on the Town Engineer to get back to us in order to proceed with preparing "RFP's". Chairman Cratty reportedly has a meeting set with Andrew Morosky on April 15, 2011. Hank Karl suggested discussing the

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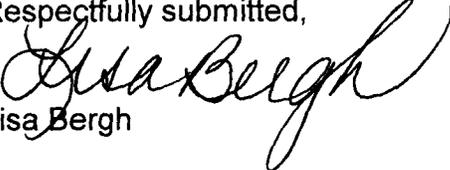
project with the Town Planner and the Planning and Zoning Commission as a safeguard.

David Dunn mentioned that during a recent trip to visit relatives in New Jersey, he took note of small solar panels on all street lights, suggesting that it may be something we could look into.

**ADJOURN:** Randi Oisher made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Gary Pedone. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa Bergh