



# ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 22, 2010  
7:30 P.M.

C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** Committee members Gary Pedone, Henry Karl, Bill Cratty, Randi Oisher, Mark Anderson, Nick Ellis and David Dunn were present. Also in attendance was the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was called into session by First Selectman Knickerbocker at 7:45 p.m.

### **Joint Session with the Board of Selectmen – to receive committee goals and objectives**

First Selectman Knickerbocker, among other things, noted the goals of the newly created committee would be to:

#### **Goals**

- Reduce energy expenditures by Town of Bethel and Bethel Public Schools.
- Reduce “carbon footprint” of town and schools; increase use of non polluting and/or renewable energy sources.
- Devise long term energy strategy for town and schools that considers the energy needs of current structures and systems as well as future construction.

#### **Possible Areas of Study**

- Explore firms that provide no-cost energy audits and energy saving recommendations.
- Investigate public and private grant opportunities.

- Investigate solar water heating and electrical generation systems.
- Investigate cost and potential savings in converting all public buildings to L.E.D. lighting.

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the Board of Education Business Manager Teri Yonsky would sit in at Energy Conservation meetings to represent the Board of Education and to share her experience with energy conservation from her time working with New Fairfield.

Town Engineer Andrew Morosky will be asked to provide a list of all town owned buildings and what kind of fixtures are in each facility, including HVAC units, lighting, etc. in order to help the committee determine areas to explore for energy savings.

Finance will be asked to provide a listing of the cost to various energy companies i.e., street lights, energy consumption in town facilities, etc.

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that there are many companies who can help assist the committee in their goals, will perform energy audits and provide advice on how to reduce our energy consumption. The committee will explore the services provided by the various companies and consultants.

### **Immediate Tasks**

#### **Election of Officers**

Nick Ellis made a motion, which was seconded by Bill Cratty, to nominate Gary Pedone as Temporary Chairman.

Nick Ellis made a motion, which was seconded by Randi Oisher, to close nominations. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Vote to elect Gary Pedone as Temporary Chairman was unanimous. The committee will wait until their first meeting to elect remaining officers.

#### **Establish meeting schedule**

Determine meeting schedule (monthly meetings are suggested); post meeting dates with Town Clerk.

Committee members agreed to hold their regular meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month; their first meeting will be August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Henry Karl made a motion, which was seconded by Bill Cratty, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.S.', is written above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary