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Minutes for April 7, 2015: Durham Public Library Activity Room at 7:00 PM

1. Solar PPA Vote
2. Municipal Assistance Program
3. LED Lighting Evaluation
4. River COG Leadership
5. Bike-Ped Plan
6. Electric Car Charging Station
7. Miscellaneous Business

Attendance: Susan Michael, Thomas Kannam (Chair), Jennifer Huddleston, Ronald Capozzi, Richard Hanley, Nancy-Winship Poole, Leslie Bulion

Meeting started at 7:00 PM. Discussion proceeded in the following order:

1. Solar PPA Vote: Leslie discussed the negative results from the recent vote from Durham's Board of Selectman to refuse to sign the Power Purchasing Agreement with Greenskies Renewable Energy. By passing on the renewable energy credit from CL&P, the Town of Durham has decided to forgo savings of at least \$25,000 per year for 20 years at a time when electricity charges are increasing. The incentive program from the state of Connecticut was designed to help municipalities save money with no upfront capital costs. Nancy mentioned that

she would try to learn from the problems with the process in Durham to help implement recent successes in Middlefield in securing renewable energy credits.

2. Municipal Assistance Program: Tom mentioned that the Town of Durham has assembled a team from Town Hall to execute the municipal benchmarking program established by CL&P. Hannah Bober attended a workshop in Berlin which discussed the program and Marianne Graham, CL&P's consultant, will conduct regular conference calls to move their agenda forward.

3. LED Lighting Evaluation: Ron reviewed LED lighting options and mentioned that the environment is changing rapidly. He polled the group on their views of different options. Rick stated that Durham has many state roads and that the Department of Transportation needs to be involved with any conversion. He returned proposals from Tanko, Solux and ESCO. He added that David Heer has not had a chance to review these proposals but would like to do so.

4. River COG Leadership: Tom mentioned that there is new leadership at the River COG. Jen said that the Clean Energy Task Force should reach out and work with the new person. The group agreed.

5. Bike-Ped Plan: Rick mentioned that the Department of Transportation is supporting Bike-Ped plans particularly if they are coordinated with state road maintenance. He insisted that a plan must be in place first. Sue said that the plan should be discussed at the upcoming strategic planning session on April 26 and asked for volunteers to attend.

6. Electric Car Charging Station: Tom stated that Durham has lost its electric car charging station due to approval delays and that Central Connecticut State University has installed the one that was donated to Durham. He added that Dave Turley has taken over as the Chair of Durham's Library Board of Trustees and would be open to installing another donated station if secured.

7. Miscellaneous Business: Sue mentioned that she would like help coordinating the Durham Fair Composting project. The group agreed to participate and investigate what happened with Marilyn Keurajian's membership on the clean energy task force.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes by Thomas P. Kannam