



Town of Greenwich

Conservation Commission

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Conservation Commission Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Land Use Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall

In attendance: Robert Brady; Steve Hall; Urling Searle & Skip Parker,
Conservation Commission; Andy Duus BET; Sandy Litvack,
selectman

Also in attendance: Patricia Sesto, director; Sarah (Nahabedian) Cocco, conservation
resource manager

1. Call to order

9:00 a.m. by Patricia Sesto

2. Approval of Minutes

October 25th meeting minutes approved by consensus.

3. Fall Program

Urling Searle discussed the fall program outline to include Tony Malkin talking about the energy conservation program developed at the Empire State Building (15-20 mins.), an expert panel discussion (30 mins.), Q&A of panelists (15 mins.), and a tour of the work done at the Boys and Girls Club (20 mins.).

The Committee discussed the benefits and disadvantages of having the program at both the Boys and Girls Club or the Bruce Museum. The Committee decided the best location would be the Boys and Girls Club due to its convenient location, low rental cost, and it can serve as a local business energy efficiency success story.

Searle will confirm the best date for Tony Malkin, but it will either be January 18th or February 22nd. The program will be a morning reception rather than the previously discussed evening program.

Discussion ensued on the length of Malkin's presentation vs. having an engineer speak: business's benefits to energy conservation vs. an engineer's view on energy efficient equipment. Robert Brady recommended having a CT local, mid-sized project example to highlight the capitol benefits. Andy Dusus recommended asking Celtic Energy to contact one of their customers and see if they can recommend a local success story. Steve Hall recommended Bruce Becker from Becker and Becker, who is both an architect and a developer. Hall will contact Bruce Becker to see if they will be a sponsor and/or an attendee at the program.

Invitation list – Sesto produced an extensive list of buildings 25,000 s.f. or larger and shared with the Committee. Hall will follow up with CFE involvement. Hall had been in touch with the Property Management Group to invite to the program and/or have as a sponsor. No update from Hall on Stamford 2030. Skip Parker spoke with Eversource representatives Ron Araujo and Ricardo Jordan. Araujo and Jordan will identify 36 of the top energy users in the town and share with the Committee. Parker expressed Eversource's desire to be involved, but to what extent is still to be determined.

Sponsors – Rusty Parker was unable to attend this meeting, but Searle had spoken with Parker and was able to update the Committee on his progress. Parker has a commercial realtor contact and will confirm their participation as a sponsor or attendee. Skip Parker inquired what the purpose was to include commercial realtors in the fall program as a sponsor. Hall and Sesto expressed the benefits of involving commercial realtors in the program. Hall reiterated he will go back to Building Property Management to see if they will be a sponsor. Hall reported that Rich Granoff has indicated Granoff Architects will be a sponsor. Planning and Zoning be added to the list of invitees.

The Committee discussed sponsorship and their ability to cover the venue and food costs. Looking for sponsors to cover around \$500 each. The Committee also discussed how the sponsorship money would be accepted. Who can accept it? Can the Conservation Commission accept gifts up to a certain amount? Sesto will research and report back to the group.

Sesto and Coccaro to meet to discuss details for the invitation, such as RSVP details.

Coccaro to send Skip Parker a high resolution image of the Town seal.

Searle to inquire on room capacity at the Boys and Girls Club.

The invitation list to solidified and submitted to Sesto and Coccaro no later than November 21st.

4. Strategic Energy Planning

- a. Identification of desired presentations, needed information

- i. Coccaro to discuss Sustainable CT application and energy category through the program.
- ii. Searle inquired about a possibility of a phase 2 audit on the high school.

5. Next meeting

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 21st at 9 a.m. The Committee agreed to meet on the first and third Thursdays in December: 6th and 20th due to the Christmas holiday.

6. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.