

## Windham Energy Commission April 22, 2013 Minutes

In Attendance: Grace Adams, Chris Vials, Alex Girschick, Jean de Smet, Kate Donnelly, Mike Altschul, J. Finger

**Synopsis of Meeting.** Commission spent the first hour judging the entries for the Solarize poster committee, then the remaining time discussing Solarize CT and the impending vote on SB 1183.

**DETAILS** - Minutes approved from April 8<sup>th</sup>

### Winners of the poster competition (high school)

First place – Nicholas Khan (Windham High)

Second place – Nick Masse (Windham Tech)

Third place – Alyssa Valiquette (Windham Tech)

Fourth place – Caylee Cruz (Windham Tech)

### Winners of the poster competition (elementary school)

First place – Kativshka Ruiz (Windham Center)

Second place – Dayshalee Elyse Torres (Windham Center)

Third Place – Bryan Ramos Ortiz, Elijah V., and “Alex” (?)

Fourth Place – Matthew Barstrom (Windham Center)

**Poster Competition Tasks.** This Friday at 4 pm we will meet at Town Hall to set up for the poster competition and to judge videos (the event is on Monday). Jean will order pizza, rice and beans, and Hosmer soda. James will arrange for dividers to be delivered. Chair situation is settled. Kate will send out a news advisory in advance of the event. If the press does not show up, Chris will write a press release the following day.

Kate will print up certificates for the kids. C-TECH should do a 10-15 minute presentation. Kate will call and email the students (and will tell winners).

**Update on Solarize.** 2 contracts signed in Windham, 8 contracts total; on May 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Solarize workshop at UConn; 10 people showed up at UConn today for a planning meeting. Ambassador’s meeting this week at 7pm.

Liz on Aspen Street has solar panels on a street where everyone has South facing roof.

Late May and early June for door-knocking

**SB 1183.** We need to contact legislators immediately to oppose SB 1138, a bill that counts Hydropower from Canada as a Class I renewable in Connecticut, which is a disincentive to develop renewable power in this state.

Jean will draft a letter to oppose it, and the rest of us will need to approve over email so it can be sent out as a collective document. It’s being voted on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**N2N Rewards.** All points are tallied up at the end of April. We now have a bit over 4000 points. It’s been difficult to find a place to do the solar lights. We need to get this squared away by May 11<sup>th</sup> or rewards will be lost. Jean stressed that it doesn’t need to be a solar light in the park. Exasperation all around.