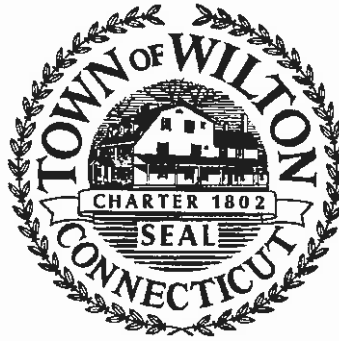


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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: First Selectman Bill Brennan, Hal Clark, Ted Hoffstatter, Richard Dubow, James Saxe

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Bruce Hampson, Debra Thompson-Van, Dick King, Judy Zucker, 12 members of public, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Jeanette Ross, Wilton Bulletin

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Dubow, the consent agenda was approved as follows (Mr. Clark abstained as he was not present at the 4/1/13 meeting; Mr. Hoffstatter and Mr. Saxe had not yet arrived):

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of 4/15/13

Tax Refunds

- As per Tax Collector's Memorandum of May 2, 2013

Gifts

- \$825 from The Wilton Bank for the Senior Newsletter
- \$75 from Lindsay Marcus to the Wilton K-9 Fund

The Board of Selectmen expressed their appreciation for these generous gifts.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Stay at Home in Wilton - Presentation

Mr. Dick King gave a presentation on the Stay at Home in Wilton program (attached), noting that this program supports an independent lifestyle for Wilton

seniors so they can age in place. The Selectmen expressed that they highly support Stay at Home. Mr. Dubow suggested inviting a high school student to be an advisory member of the board.

2. Safe Rides Proposal - Presentation

Mr. Mike Safko and his daughter, Lauren Safko, gave a presentation on a proposed Safe Rides Program for high school students in Wilton (attached). This type of program has been in use in Ridgefield, Darien and Westport for many years, and was once used in Wilton in the mid-80s. The First Selectman will speak to Dr. Richards, Schools Superintendent and Police Chief Lombardo to get their thoughts.

3. CT Clean Energy Program – Pledge for Continuing Participation

Mr. Bruce Hampson and Ms. Debra Thompson-Van explained the Clean Energy Communities Program (attached). To date, the Town has received five Kw Solar Systems at Wilton High School, valued at \$39,600; a \$4,000 grant for the 2010 Go Green Festival; and, \$2,000 for the 2011 Festival. The Town is being asked to sign the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge to seek to reduce municipal building energy consumption by at least 20% by the end of 2018. Ms. Thompson-Van pointed out that the changes that the State has approved in the pledge were changes intended to utilize work Wilton had already done, i.e. establishing a baseline and Plan by utilizing the SBS report from 2010/2011. There were no general changes nor changes in the R&Cs.

After some discussion, Mr. Clark moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Pledge contingent on final review and approval of the Town Attorney. Motion seconded and carried: 4 YES – 1 ABS. (Saxe)

4. 3Degrees Purchase and Sale Agreement – Renewable Energy

Mr. Dubow moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the 3Degrees Purchase and Sale Agreements #5139 and #5143. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Recreational Trails Grant Application

Mr. Clark moved to approve the grant application for state funds in the amount of \$1,280,596 for the Recreational Trails Program – Norwalk River Valley Trail. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Appointment of Comstock Building Committee

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Judy Zucker, Bruce Hampson, David Hapke, and Mark Ketley as members of the Comstock Building Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. In addition, Steve Pierce, Director of Parks and Recreation and Cathy Pierce, Director of Social Services will serve on the committee, with Liz Doty filling as Ms. Pierce's alternate. There will be further appointments made at the next meeting.

7. Miscellaneous Other Business

Ms. Dennies and Mr. Nerney, Town Planner, are requesting that they be authorized to retain the services of JM Local Government Consulting to interface between the land use departments and New World in order to implement the necessary processes for Land Use, Building Department and Health Department permitting processes, etc. The cost will be \$100/hour up to \$10,000. Mr. Clark moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Agreement with JM Local Government Consulting. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report – From 5/13/13, to 5/21/13, the CT DOT will be resurfacing Route 33 from Signal Hill North to the Ridgefield town line.

The Town Attorney is working on finalizing the Library Agreement with the town. Once completed, it will be sent to all Selectmen before being placed on a future meeting agenda.

2. Selectmen Reports:

Mr. Dubow – The Miller Driscoll Building Committee held its first meeting, electing Mr. Bruce Hampson as Chair and Ms. Karen Birck as Vice Chair.

Mr. Clark – Friends of Ambler Farm are \$50,000 away from meeting their budget commitment to the Town. They are making good progress and expect to be under the planned expenditures.

Mr. Hoffstatter - Trackside held their big annual fundraiser, which was very successful. The Go Green Festival this past weekend was also very well attended.

Mr. Saxe – No report

E. Adjournment – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.


Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

att. – Stay at Home
Safe Rides
Clean Energy Communities

**STAY AT HOME IN WILTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MAY 6**

WHO WE ARE

NON-PROFIT, VOLUNTEER, SELF-GOVERNING, MEMBERSHIP ORG.
WE CELEBRATED OUR 3RD ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL WITH AN EVENT
CO-SPONSORED WITH THE LIBRARY. DR. JOE UTTERBACH'S PIANO
PERFORMANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION.

OUR MISSION – SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT LIFESTYLE FOR WILTON
SENIORS SO THEY CAN AGE-IN-PLACE

WHAT HELPS OLDER PEOPLE STAY PUT

STRONG AND STABLE SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNITY BASED
SERVICES, MOBILITY

WHAT WE DO

ARRANGE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE WHO
NEED OR WANT HELP BUT WANT TO STAY IN THEIR OWN HOMES –
EXAMPLES – CAROL & DAVE, DOUG & BETTY

SOCIAL INTERACTION - A PRIORITY – CONNECTIVITY TO EACH OTHER
AND TO WILTON. EXAMPLES – MONTHLY WOMEN'S LUNCHEON, MEN'S
BREAKFAST, TRIPS TO PEPSI SCULPTURE GARDEN, SHEFFIELD ISLAND
LIGHTHOUSE BOAT TRIP, ARTHUR AVENUE(BRONX), TRAIN RIDE TO
DANBURY TRAIN MUSEUM

LOCAL PARTNERS – SENIOR CENTER, WILTON BANK, WILTON
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LIBRARY, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, VILLAGE
MARKET, SERVCO, WELLS FARGO, KIWANIS

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY – SHERWOOD ISLAND 9/11 MEMORIAL, BARTLETT ARBORETUM
GARDEN TOUR, MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
JUNE – PRESENTATION AT SR. CENTER TO MEMBERS ON VARIOUS
OPTIONS FOR 'EMERGENCY BUTTONS", WPD ON RUOK PROGRAM

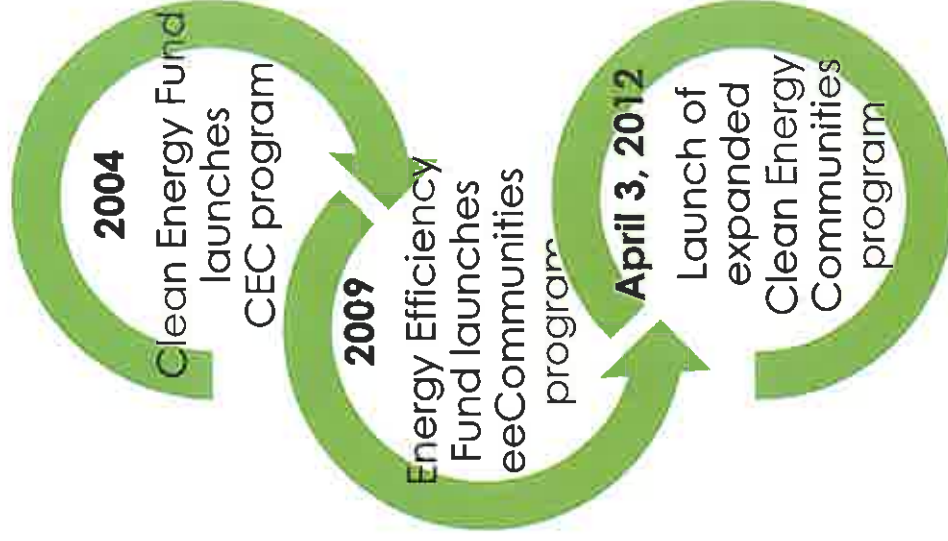
MEMBERSHIP – NOW HAVE 72 MEMBERS, HOPING TO REACH 100 BY
YEAR END. COST IS ONLY ABOUT 1\$/DAY. MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED
BY FUND RAISING. WE HAVE NO FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FUNDING. THIS YEAR WE NEED TO OVERCOME THE
DEFICIT FROM A \$10,000 NON-RENEWABLE FCCF GRANT IN 2012.

WHY SHOULD SENIORS JOIN WHO DON'T NEED IT NOW? TO MAKE SURE
IT IS THERE WHEN THEY DO NEED IT

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES



History of Program



Benefits YTD:

Five Kw Solar System / WHS---\$39,600

Grant for WGG Festival 2010---- \$4,000

Grant for WGG Festival 2011 -----\$2,000

\$45,600

Expanded Clean Energy Communities Program

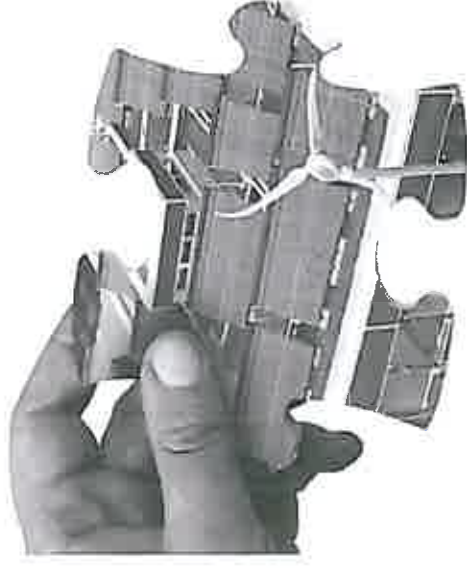
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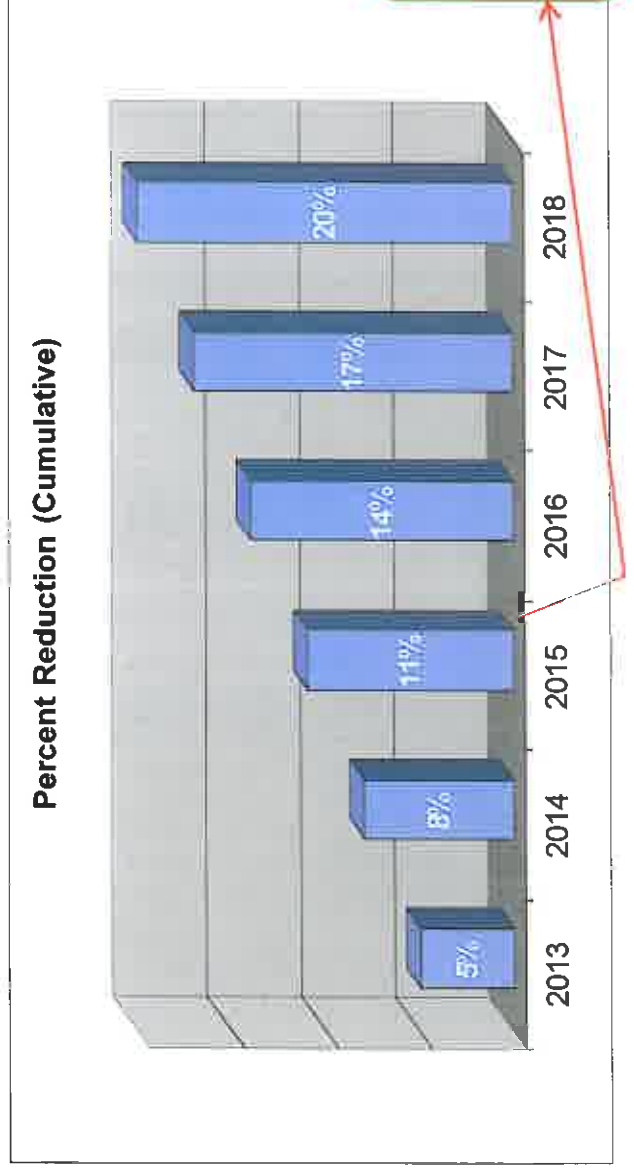
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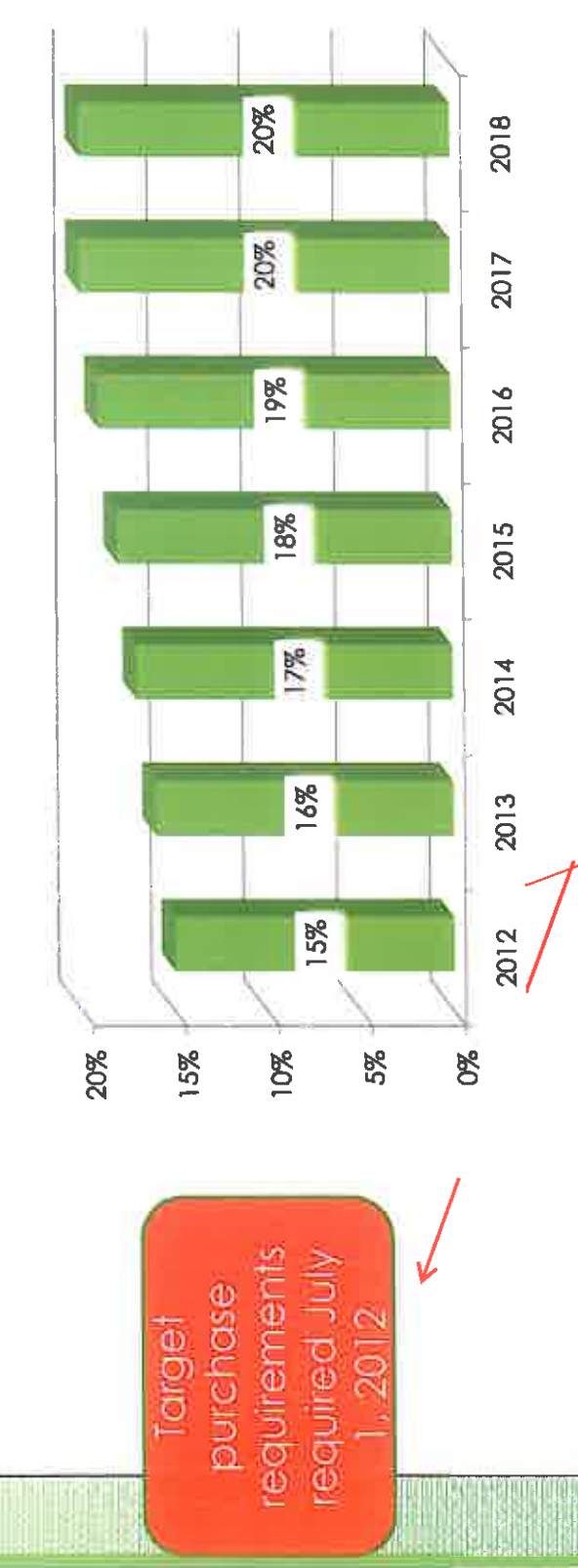
CLEAN ENERGY
FINANCE AND INVESTMENT AUTHORITY

20% Energy Reduction by 2018



- Town buildings (includes Board of Ed)
- Benchmark using SBS Report
- Benchmark year 2010

Purchase 20% of Energy From Renewable Energy Sources by 2018



- Town voluntarily purchases clean energy at set yearly targets
- Town must make commitment and target goals to receive clean energy systems

Commitment to Reduce municipal & BOE building energy consumption 20% from baseline level (2010 CY) by 2018.

Target % BTU reduction		Target # BTU reduction	FY BTU Target
Calendar year ending			
2010 actual			66,133,000
2011 actual			60,335,000
Target 2013	5%	3,306,650	62,826,350
Target 2014	8%	1,983,990	60,842,360
Target 2015	11%	1,983,990	58,858,370
Target 2016	14%	1,983,990	56,874,380
Target 2017	17%	1,983,990	54,890,390
Target 2018	20%	1,983,990	52,906,400
Total Reduction		13,226,600	
Total Reduction after calculating impact of 2011 achievement		7,428,600	

Commit to the Municipal Clean, Renewable Energy Pledge and voluntarily purchase 20% of municipal buildings' energy use by 2018 from clean, renewable sources.

2011 CY Baseline	Target Rec		3 Degrees
	Target % REC purchase	Target Rec purchases	
Fiscal year ending			0.00099
Target 2013	15%	1,012,572	1,002
Target 2014	16%	1,080,077	1,069
Target 2015	17%	1,147,582	1,136
Target 2016	18%	1,215,087	1,203
Target 2017	19%	1,282,592	1,270
Target 2018	20%	1,350,097	1,337
Total Purchase Price			7,017

Recommendation to select 3 Degrees based on cost competitiveness, regional generation presence, and marketing communication program capabilities.

May 6 -
BS 05/06/13
Agenda Item B-2

Good Morning...

We sent this email to Mr. Brennan earlier this week. I know he and you are very busy. I am sending it to you to be sure that it is included in the package of information for the upcoming meeting this Monday night which I will attend with my daughter. Have a nice weekend..

Mike Safko
203.762.3197

Dear First Selectman Brennan,

As you suggested, the following is a brief summary of our proposal to re-establish SafeRides in Wilton for the upcoming 2013-14 school year.

Our Background

My wife Susan and I have lived in Wilton since May 1995, We are raising three daughters.. Christen (20 at college), Lauren (17 junior at WHS) Crickett (10 at Cider Mill). Susan practiced law in NYC for 8 years before moving here. I recently retired after working in finance in NYC for 25 years. While on vacation during winter break this year Lauren (a newly licensed driver) and I were discussing the dangers of drinking and driving. She mentioned that Ridgefield, Darien, Westport and other local towns have a program which provides teens with rides home on Friday and Saturday nights during the school year. With the strong support, enthusiasm and involvement of both Lauren and Susan we are hoping to have Safe Rides in Wilton by September 2013.

Due Dilligence

I have met with Mara Kent (203.470.6297) who currently runs the very successful program in Ridgefield and spoke to Patti Ballard who ran the program (with her husband) in Ridgefield for nine years, They have both pledged their full support in every way possible. Mara has already sent a complete set of all documents used in running the Ridgefield program. I have contacted Isaac Levy in Westport (one of the national founders of Safe Rides USA). He has reactivated the Wilton Safe Rides web site and like the others could not be more helpful and enthusiastic about our plans.

History of Safe Rides in Wilton

I understand that Safe Rides had a successful program in Wilton in the mid 1980s. But due to a lack of continuity in parental and student support the operation disappeared a few years later. In 2011 two WHS students tried to reestablish the service and had received approval to run the weekend operation from space at Trackside. Unfortunately, the most recent efforts were unsuccessful.

The Program

Although the service varies from town to town, the mission of SafeRides is to provide transportation to teenagers in Wilton who are either unable or incapable to getting safely home from a specific location.

Details:

- 1) Hours are from 9:30pm-2:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights while school is in session
- 2) Each car is manned by two individuals (one male/one female)
- 3) All passengers are driven home only... no other destination permitted
- 4) Identity of passengers remains anonymous
- 5) 7 two-man teams and one adult supervisor manning the operation each night
- 6) Insurance is provided by Boy Scouts of America
- 7) Funding- Each volunteer and board member pays a \$25 membership fee. The money collected is used to fund insurance, pizza and all other ancillary costs. THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS SELF-FUNDED.

NO REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL AID WILL BE MADE TO THE TOWN OF WILTON.

Progress So Far

I have met with Mark Ketley, Executive Director at Trackside. He is very supportive of the program and will likely allow us to run the operation out of a spare office at the Trackside facility. He suggested I reach out to you and other Selectmen for your input.

Success of Local Programs

Despite the mixed track record of Safe Rides in Wilton, other towns have been very successful. The programs in Westport (30 consecutive years), Ridgefield (29) and Darien (31) are so well established that they have become part of the fabric of the local community. In Ridgefield, for example, the Safe Rides program has provided, on average, between 400-500 rides a year to teens. Danbury Hospital's ER has made several unsolicited donations to Ridgefield as acknowledgement of the positive impact of the program.

We look forward to answering any questions at the Board of Selectmen meeting this Monday night.

Please contact me, Susan, or my daughter Lauren with any questions you may have at:

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Wilton, Ct. 06897
203-762-3197
msafko@optonline.net

Many thanks for your help in advance..

Mike Safko

SafeRides of Wilton



Mission

- To provide free rides to ~~intoxicated~~ impaired students and/or teens who are rendered incapable of transportation due to other circumstances. The program gives teens the information they need to make informed choices and seek alternatives to driving while impaired.

Logistics

- SafeRides will operate from 10 PM to 2 AM on Fridays and Saturdays during the school year. Supervised by an adult volunteer, approximately 6-7 2-person co-ed teams will provide rides home to fellow students.
- Training will be provided by EMS professionals to identify alcohol poisoning and other related dangers.
- Restrictions:
 - All rides will begin and end in the town of Wilton
 - All rides will end at the passenger's home
 - Only one ride per person per night

Insurance

- Each SafeRides member must furnish proof of insurance in a minimum amount of \$300k. In Ridgelyfield, The Boy Scouts of America provide an umbrella policy in addition to the individual insurance at a cost of approximately \$8,000 p.a.
- The town of Darien provides the umbrella policy at no cost to the SafeRides program under its Youth Council Program. In the 30-year history of Safe Rides in Darien and Ridgelyfield there has been no incident requiring the use of the umbrella policy.
- Request: Permit the SafeRide's program to use the town of Wilton's umbrella policy.

Progress so far

- Trackside- Mark Ketley has been very supportive of the program. 95% probability of using Trackside as the operation center for SafeRides.
- 7 of 10 student board members selected. 1st meeting scheduled for late May.

Thank You

- Please refer questions to Mike and/or Lauren Safko (WHS 2014) @ 203.762.3197 or msafko@optonline.net