

# MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

**Date: January 6, 2010**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Room: Conference Room #1**

**In attendance were:**

X Michael Fox  
X Michael Camillo  
X Kevin Chick  
X Stanley Marcinczyk  
X David Tatem  
X Barbara B. Wiley

**Others:** Stephen Martocchio, Mark Pappa, Shirley Adams of the Newington Clean Energy Task Force, Robert Hillman of the Newington Highway/Sanitation Department, and Nancy C. Brault, Public Health Advisor.

The following agenda items were discussed:

Call to Order by Mark Pappa at 7:03 pm.

Roll call (see above)

**Election of Officers:**

Michael Fox selected first by Kevin Chick for Chairman and seconded by Michael Camillo. All voted in favor.

Michael Camillo selected first by Michael Fox for Vice Chairman and seconded by Kevin Chick. All voted in favor.

Chairman Michael Fox discussed Commission Strategic Plan for this year. He suggested the following:

1. Increasing recycling in Newington
2. Changing the Environmental Quality Commission Ordinance to remove Ambulance and Fire from the membership list and including alternate energy members from the Newington Clean Energy Task Force
3. Promoting "Green Energy" in Newington through public campaign
4. Cedar Mountain development and possible open space areas being put aside
5. Celebrate Earth Day with some sort of event

Chairman asked for additional suggestions from members and attendees.

Mark Pappa provided an overview of green electricity and economic savings. By using electricity in off peak hours, after 8:00 PM, it produces a real savings. Information is available on the web at CT Energy Info.

Mark Pappa discussed "Waste to Energy" initiatives and that we need to be prepared for changes in the future.

Michael Camillo questioned if Newington will be changing to single stream recycling. Robert Hillman discussed Newington system. He noted that we are working toward it. Currently talks are in process. But currently Newington will soon be providing one can for recycling and one can for garbage. David Tatem suggested that an educational campaign is needed to direct residents not to throw brush in garbage cans. Brush needs to be picked up by the town.

Nancy C. Brault discussed Department of Environmental Protection letter concerning advisory of PCB's in schools and municipal buildings. NB suggested that surveys be conducted to determine if PCBs are present in older pieces of electrical equipment in schools or municipal buildings.

Chairman requested that Nancy C. Brault contact Newington High School and Middle School student liaisons and requested that they attend the commission's next meeting.

Chairman requested that a commission member represent the commission on the Newington Balf Town Committee. Barbara B. Wiley volunteered to represent the commission.

Chairman requested that a commission member represent the commission on Newington Emergency Planning Committee. Both David Tatem and Michael Camillo volunteered to represent the commission.

Chairman suggested finalizing the Environmental Quality Meeting Dates. He suggested the first Monday of every month.

Meeting end – 8:00 pm

Respectively Submitted,

Michael J. Fox  
Chairman