



CONNECTICUT GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

CHUCK'S STEAKHOUSE ROCKY HILL, CT

1/07/114

I ROLL CALL: GUY WANEGAR

PHIL ROBERT

RYAN MARTIN

JIM SANSOUCY

ENOCH LENGE

RICK King

LARRY SIMA

DOUG ROTHMAN

MARK HENDERSON

STEPHEN WIERZBICKI

GEORGE MASSEY

SCOT ROGERS

JOHN SIMA

BOB POLMATIER

RICH DUBZA

MARK FOLEY

BILL CONKLIN

II OFFICER REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT: Guy spoke highly of the Habitat for Humanity project, and that he was looking forward to getting started. He mentioned the unit would be coming from Water Furnance/ Flow Center, Pumps, and Pipe from Blake Equipment/Grout from Sima Well Drilling/and Joe Delk would be doing the drilling. The Association has agreed to pay for the fuel Delk will need. Nutmeg is handling the Aeroseal duct and Stafford Mechanical will do the inside piping.

Guy went on to mention the New England Alert on rising costs in natural gas which went from \$16/million BTU's to 38.10/million BTU's.

B. VICE PRESIDENT: John reminded the group of the upcoming comedy show that NEGPA was holding. He also brought up the dates of February 4th being the Building Energy Conference in Boston, and February 13th we have a table reserved for the Connecticut Ashford Meeting in the Marriot at Cromwell. There are also seminars in the Hartford Convention Center on January 24th, 25th, and 26th.

C. SECRETARY – No Report

D. TREASURER: - We have no bills at the present moment. We're going to dissolve the post office box. Our present balance is \$5704.27 with Water Furnace paying \$2000 for the Gold Sponsorship Level, and Rothman paying \$1000 for the same Silver Sponsorship Level.



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III COMMITTEE HEADS:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No Report

IV GENERAL MEETING: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

GEORGE MASSEY & BILL CONKLIN attended the meeting from the Habitat for Humanity. They explained they are a volunteer organization that works on one house per year. Their formula is:

50 Saturdays = A New Home. The entire project is built with sweat equity. All hours are volunteered.

This project is a foreclosed home which will serve as a starter home for the future tenants. This will be the 11th home of this sort. Future tenants will need a good credit rating and in return receive a no interest loan for the home. The land will be owned by the Habitat.

We will be hiring a videographer for this project and have most of the projects needs covered through local Geothermal Installers and Well Drillers. A more coherent list will be available at the February meeting.

C.L.P.

Enoch Lenge from Connecticut Light & Power also attended the meeting. He came to discuss the Residential New Construction Program and Rebate Programs. He referred to the State's new branding term **Energyize Connecticut** which all the States energy programs fall under. They are looking for ways to make the rebates easier to qualify through 2 paths:

The Performance Path which consists of the HERS rating > Certification Bonus Incentives or Prescriptive Path consisting of Insulation & air sealing > Geothermal Systems

There will be 3 geothermal requirements in 2014.

1. Home must receive the High Performance Insulation and Air Sealing Incentive.
2. System must be Energy Star and AHRI rated.



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3. Verification of installed performance forms required. Units must operate at least 85% of their rated efficiency and capacity.

He ended by telling the group they have been listening to the industries concerns. An example would be new homes now do not require Energy Star Certification or HERS rating.

V NEW BUSINESS: April 12th and 13th at Mystic is the Eastern Ct. Premier Home Show.

V OLD BUSINESS: Elections were held for the President and Vice President. John Sima was voted in as our new President and Steve Wierzbicki is the new V.P. Congratulations to our new leaders and please extend a special thanks to Guy Wanegar for all the personal time he has spent supporting our group the past few years.

We also discussed getting data and reporting it together for DEEP. We need to be more proactive as an industry to get positive numbers reported.

MINUTES ENTERED BY: Mark Henderson