

## GREEN TEAM MEETING MINUTES 4/8/08

### SOLAR PANEL PRESENTATION

The presentation by John DiIorio re placing solar panels on the Pomfret Community School was pushed forward to May to provide time for publicizing it so others in addition to the Green Team can attend. John DiIorio's only open evening in May is the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### PCS RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

Nancy McMerriman is looking into making PCS a greener school. Currently the school recycles cardboard and paper only. The Earth Club at the school recycled cans and bottles in the past, but cleaning and storing were problematic, so it was abandoned. There was also an effort at composting in the past. Nancy will follow-up on the possibility of composting cafeteria waste and increasing recycling.

### SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Tima Smith contacted Casella Waste Services, a company providing single stream recycling for the town of Southbridge; however, Casella does no hauling in Connecticut. They suggested contacting Willimantic Waste Paper. WWP currently provides SSR to 620 homes in the Pomfret area. Within the next six months, the company will have a new SSR facility in production in Willimantic. The Green Team has been invited to visit WWP to learn about trash disposal and recyclable handling, and to learn about the new facility and how it will function. WWP is considering joining a Recycle Bank, whereby each household's recyclables are weighed via a chip in the recycle container, earning coupons. But this adds about \$1-\$2 per pick-up, and coupons are currently limited to Starbucks and Coke. WWP is the hauler for the new SSR program in Bristol, where the city is paying \$65.50 per ton to process regular rubbish and \$33.50 per ton to process recyclables.

### CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Nancy and Hannah McMerriman will write an article for The Pomfret Times on this program, which allows users to opt for renewable energy sources from CL&P. The average surcharge for this clean energy option is \$4 to \$8 per electric bill. If the town signs on to the program, it will receive a free 1 kW solar panel for every 100 households that choose the Clean Energy option.

### POMFRET CLEAN-UP DAY – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Each Green Team member selected a clean-up area from a Pomfret map. There are several areas still to be claimed. Cindy Sullivan reported that the Green Team and volunteers will meet at PCS at 7:30

a.m. and the clean-up will begin at 8:00. Black trash bags will be used for trash, white or green bags for returnable cans. Full bags will be left on the side of the road for town pick-up at the end of the day. Volunteers will be asked to note locations of bulky items such as tires and furniture. Orange cones and vests, and Men At Work signs will be available for safety. Clean-Up Day ads will go into the Woodstock Villager and the Putnam Town Crier. WINY will be called about an announcement, and a notice will go into the PCS Newsletter at the end of April. David Hussong will make up a flyer to be posted on town bulletin boards...the Vanilla Bean, the town hall, the post offices, and PCS. Nancy McMerriman has offered to post these. An end-of-the-day picture will be taken of the pile of trash collected. Everyone was asked to let Pomfret friends and neighbors know about Clean-Up Day.

#### KEEP POMFRET CLEAN SIGNS

Bob Lussier will look into a grant program for street signs from the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for the Green Team's next meeting.