

**CT Fuel Oil Conservation Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Friday December 19, 2008
9:00 a.m.
ICPA Office, Cromwell, CT**

In attendance via teleconference: (inclement weather) Bob Barrieau, Shirley Bergert, Bill Busmann, Tom Devine, Mike Fotos, Gene Guilford, David Pelletier

Absent: Erin Clark, Craig Snyder, Jonathan Gordon, Lisa Casey
Minutes recorded by Theresa Lavoie, Energy Conservation Program Administrator

| Agenda Item | Action |
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| Opening of meeting | Bob Barrieau called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM |
| Gov. Rell's deficit mitigation plan for FY 2008-09 | <p>Theresa Lavoie informed the Board that a check for \$2.5 million was received from the Comptroller's office on Thursday 12/18/09, our first funding check. The money was deposited to the FOCB checking account and should be available for dispersement on 12/22/08.</p> <p>The 12/17/08 press release from Gov. Rell indicating proposed cuts to the FOCB funding in her upcoming budget was discussed. It indicates that after we receive the \$2.5 million we are currently awaiting there will be no more funding in 2008. The Board discussed the huge impact this will have on our 2009 plans, the contracts in process; affect on the heating system replacement program for low income and overall oil savings for the State. The significance of the FOCB's annual report due to the Energy and Technology Committee and Environmental committee on or before January 1, 2009 was discussed as a mechanism to educate the public and General Assembly about the 2008 efforts of the Board as well as the need for oil savings programs for low income residents. An ad hoc committee of Board members was formed to include Gene, Lisa and Bill, to work with Theresa Lavoie to draft and finalize the report immediately.</p> <p>A motion was made to create the ad hoc committee and develop the annual report by Tom Devine. Mike Fotos seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Theresa notified the Community Action Agencies of the availability of funding to begin our 2008 plan. She requested all contracts be submitted, signed by their organization immediately so heating systems can be replaced. In light of the holiday, Theresa requested that either the Chairman or Vice Chairman be authorized to sign off on these contracts as they come in to avoid further delay.</p> <p>A motion was made by Shirley Bergert to authorize both Tom Devine and Bob Barrieau to sign off on CAA contracts. Mike Fotos seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.</p> |
| 2009 Oil Conservation Plan and Public Comments | <p>The Board discussed the public input received in regards to the 2009 Plan at the Public Hearing on 12/16/08. Theresa Lavoie presented a summary of the comments.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mike Fotos to accept the public comments. Tom Devine seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>The Board discussed the impacts of comments on the 2009 Plan and agreed that overall the comments were positive to continue with the plan as written and to keep the suggestions made in mind for plan modifications.</p> <p>A motion was made by Shirley Bergert to accept the 2009 Oil Conservation Plan as written. Tom Devine seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.</p> |

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| | <p>A motion was made by Tom Devine to request the Comptroller's office make an official request to the Office of Policy and Management to transfer \$7.5 million of the FY 2009-09 funds to implement the 2009 Plan. Mike Fotos seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p>In light of the Gov.'s deficit mitigation plan, a motion was made by Tom Devine to hold off on approval of expenditures to initiate cost effectiveness analysis until the 1/7/09 Board meeting, at which time more should be known about our funding level. David Pelletier seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.</p> |
| Dept of Social Services 11/25/08 Letter to FOCB | Theresa Lavoie presented a draft response from the Board to the DSS on the SWAP plan indicating agreement. After discussion, David Pelletier made a motion to accept the letter and have Theresa mail it out on the Board's behalf. Bill Bussman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. |
| Next Board Meeting | The next regular scheduled Board meeting will take place on Wednesday January 7, 2009 at the ICPA offices. |
| Meeting Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am |