

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting June 9, 2016**

The meeting opened at 7:07 PM with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Melissa Leonard
Jimmy Ayash
Shagufta Zahid
Felipe Flores

OTHERS:

Burgess Carl Herb
Mary Lou Sharon
Samantha Sojka

1. Call the meeting to order and pledge of allegiance.
2. VOTED unanimously on a motion to **APPROVE** the minutes of the last meeting of 5/12/16.

New Business

1. Samantha Sojka, a representative from Eversource, gave a presentation on Clean Energy for Communities and Home Energy Solutions. For the town of Naugatuck, the Clean Energy program includes ways to be more energy efficient and use more renewable energy (CT Clean Bank). Ms. Sojka also covered the rewards program and how residents can earn reward points for Bright Idea Grants that the town to use for energy-saving projects. A flyer was handed out about the Home Energy Solutions program with information about how to get homes checked and make them more energy efficient. The flyer did not include pricing, but Ms. Sojka stated that an audit currently costs \$99 and is done by private contractors who the homeowner chooses through the Energize CT website. The audit includes some energy efficiency upgrades such as light bulbs, faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads; and homeowners may choose to pay for any other additional upgrades that the contractor recommends. Income-qualified homeowners can get some additional upgrades free of charge.

After the presentation, the commission had a discussion about the benefits and potential dangers of the Home Energy Solutions program. It was suggested that someone from the commission have an audit done to evaluate the accuracy of the information that was presented and possible sales tactics used by the contractors.

Old Business

1. Report about the Earth Day Celebration on June 4.

Next meeting will be on July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.