

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
AGENDA REPORT**

Agenda Item: 7a

DATE: February 10, 2015
SUBJECT: Preservation Resolution
DEPARTMENT: Town Clerk's Office

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Approval of the resolution.

BACKGROUND

In 2001, the Legislature passed a statute allowing Town Clerk's to charge an additional \$3.00 per document recorded on their land records. Every month a portion of the revenue collected is sent to the Connecticut State Library and is returned to the Town Clerk's in the form of a grant. The money generated from this additional fee is to be used for the development of a formal town-wide or multi-office cooperative records management program or management and care of permanent, archival and historical records on a town-wide or multi-office cooperative basis. Every year a resolution must be passed authorizing the town manager to execute and deliver a contract with the Connecticut State Library prior to applying for this grant. The grant is in the amount of \$3,000 and all applications must be completed prior to April 30, 2015.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

None

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant will allow this office to continue preserving land records, minutes and other historical records on file in this office using grant money rather than increasing my budget. This was the purpose of passing legislation due to unfunded budgets and the deterioration of the historic records.

Town of East Hampton

RESOLUTION

Authorization – State Library Historic Document Preservation Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager of the Town of East Hampton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

EAST HAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL

Barbara Moore, Chairperson

Kevin Reich Vice Chairperson

Patience Anderson

Theodore Hintz, Jr.

George Pfaffenbach

Mark Philhower

Philip Visintainer

Dated this 10th day of February, 2015

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
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AGENDA ITEM: 8b

DATE: January 27, 2015
SUBJECT: **Police Special Services Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund**
DEPARTMENT: Police

BACKGROUND

The Town Council adopted a special revenue fund policy (see below) that permitted excess funds in the Police Special services account to be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund. At the January 20, 2015 Board of Finance meeting it was recommended that \$83,626 be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund, and that the funds be designated for "Public Safety" projects.

Policy:

Departments subject to this Policy may request the use of excess funds to finance certain proposed capital projects which will reduce dependence on appropriations from general fund and lessen tax payer support. Such requests will be forthcoming by submission of request and need to the Town Manager who shall make his/her recommendation to the Board of Finance who shall make its recommendation to the Council for final approval.

On a quarterly basis, the Board of Finance shall review accumulated special revenue fund unrestricted balances for those funds designated Type (2) and where any unrestricted balance for a program exceeds 3.5% of the Police Patrol budget or 3.5% of the Parks & Recreation budget, shall recommend that such balance be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund identified or reserved for future capital purposes relative to the source of the fund (i.e. police outside services for Public Safety). The recommendation must be approved by the Town Council before such transfer occurs.

Once transferred and deposited to the Capital Reserve Fund the Department must comply with the Capital Reserve Fund Policy prior to any expenditure.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Resolved that the Finance Director be authorized to transfer \$83,626 the Capital Reserve Fund and that the same amount be designated for "Public Safety" purposes. Note: These funds must follow the Capital Reserve Fund policy prior to being expensed.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

Transfer a different amount.

FISCAL IMPACT None

EAST HAMPTON SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POLICY on USE of SURPLUS FUNDS

Definition

Special Revenue Funds are one the four classifications of *Non-major Governmental Funds*. These funds include:

Fund	Funding Source	Function	Type
Septage Disposal	Septage fees	Accumulation of resources for debt payment	1
Water System	User fees	Water operations	1
Public Safety	Fees	Police outside services	2
Culture & Recreation	User Fees	Recreation programs	2
School Cafeteria	Sale of lunches & grants	Cafeteria operations	1
Education	Federal & State grants	Education related programs	1
Public Works	Federal & State grants	Public works projects	1
Community Development	Federal grants	Town development programs	1
Civic & Human Svs.	Federal & State grants	Civic & human services & capital related purposes	1
Beneficial Assessment	Assessments	Accumulation of resources for debt payments	1
WPCA Joint Facilities	Member town fees	Regional sewer facility operations	1
WPCA Operating	User fees	Sewer operations	1

Special Revenue funds are classified into two main types: (1) those whose source of funds are grants, bequests, donation, gifts or whose sources are restricted by local, state and federal guidelines, who are exempt from this Policy; and (2) those whose funds are generated from user fees which are subject to the provisions of this Policy.

Several of the Type (2) Special Revenue funds have accumulated excess or surplus funds annually or over several years.

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Once transferred and deposited to the Capital Reserve Fund the Department must comply with the **Capital Reserve Fund Policy** prior to any expenditure.

Approved by the Board of Finance: June 16, 2014

Approved by the Town Council: September 9, 2014

Amended by the Town Council: September 23, 2014

Review/Possible Approval of Capital Policy

The Council reviewed the draft of the Capital Police and discussed the question of whether the Capital/Fixed asset items should be \$5,000 or \$10,000. Mr. Jylkka also offered two options for minor capital purchases. The outline of the options will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to change the capital/fixed asset dollar amount to \$7,500 with a minor capital account in the operating budget per option 1 as attached. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the Capital Policy as amended. Voted (6-0)



Special Revenue Fund Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mr. Pfaffenbach, to accept the Special Revenue Fund Policy. Motion withdrawn

Council members discussed the Special Revenue Fund policy. Mrs. Anderson suggested a % rather than a dollar figure for the threshold.

Council members discussed a process of continual transfers from the accounts when they reach the threshold for the balance.

A motion was made by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to adopt the Special Revenue Fund Policy with the amendment that the balance in the Type 2 accounts be 3.5% of the Police Patrol budget and 3.5% of the Parks & Recreation budget. Voted (6-0)

Dog Pound Lease Agreement

The Dog Pound Lease agreement with the Town of East Haddam was reviewed. The only change from the prior lease agreement are the dates.

A motion was made by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the Dog Pound Lease for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 as presented. Voted (6-0)

Library Board

A motion was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Pfaffenbach, to set a public hearing for the Library Board Ordinance to Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Voted (6-0)

High School Building Project Management

Sharon Smith, Chairman of the High School Building Committee noted that she was unaware of any issues with the management of the High School project. She acknowledged an error was made related to the Planning & Zoning meeting when no notice was given to the abutting property owners but that was corrected. The project manager at this time is provided by CREC. Michele Barber, Vice Chairman of the High School Building Committee explained that CREC is the project management team for the beginning of the project and a clerk of the works would be used when the construction begins. It was noted that the current project manager at CREC will be leaving and a new person will be installed.



Continued Business

Review and Discuss Special Revenue Fund Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to amend the Special Revenue Fund Policy to transferring fund on a quarterly basis instead of a yearly basis. Voted (6-0)

New Business

Tentative Discussion of Long Crossing Road Project Funding

The Capital Committee and the Board of Finance have approved the funding for the Long Crossing Road culvert project. They approved funding from the chip sealing account in capital.

A motion was made by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mr. Visintainer, to transfer funds not to exceed \$121,000 from the chip sealing account in capital to fund costs associated with repairs to the Long Crossing Culvert with any unused funds being returning to the chip sealing account. Voted (6-0)

Facilities Evaluation Committee Request for Extension

The Facilities Evaluation Committee has requested a 30 day extension to complete the work of their committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Hintz, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to allow a 30 day extension for the Facilities Evaluation Committee. Voted (6-0)

Review of KX 5 Year Contract

Mr. Maniscalco provided a copy of the draft 5 year contract with KX and reviewed the costs. Each town will need to vote on the contract. East Hampton is one of the larger portions of funding.

A motion was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Pfaffenbach, to waive the second reading policy. Voted (6-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Visintainer, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to direct the Town Manager to sign the contract as presented with KX. Voted (6-0)

Discussion of Heart Healthy Community

Mr. Maniscalco reported that East Hampton had been designated as a Heart Healthy Community. In keeping with that designation, portable AED's have been installed at the Town Hall and Senior Center and staff have been trained in their use.

Discussion of Phosphorus Ban on Lake

Council members discussed an ordinance for a phosphorus ban for the lake watershed area. Discussion included whether the ordinance could be enforced, the need for more education for residents in the lake watershed and whether the State has already put a ban on phosphorus in fertilizers other than starter fertilizer. More information will be gathered and presented at the next meeting.

Annual Review of Fines and Fees

Mr. Maniscalco provided an overview of the Fines and Fees document that was prepared with the 2013-2014 Goals and Priorities. Council will review the document and will discuss further at the next meeting.

Town Manager Report

Update on Park & Rec Director Hiring Process

The Park & Recreation Director position is down to two finalists.



**LETTER OF COMMITMENT
CT Solar Challenge™
East Hampton, CT**

January 30, 2015

Dear Town of East Hampton,

We are happy to welcome you as a participant in the CT Solar Challenge™ (the Program), and look forward to working with you to encourage the adoption of solar energy.

By signing this Letter of Commitment, the Town of East Hampton (the Town) agrees to the terms, responsibilities and schedule described in Attachment A: Responsibilities for CT Solar Challenge™ Parties, Attachment B: CT Solar Challenge™ Schedule, and Attachment C: Pricing. A summary of the program follows.

The Town agrees to participate in the CT Solar Challenge™ and will actively promote the Program to its residents by using multiple forms of communication. The CT Solar Challenge™ will provide marketing material to the Town for distribution during the 6 month period commencing on the date of the first works shop.

The Town will provide a person or persons to act as the liaison and primary contact between the CT Solar Challenge™ and the Town.

The Town will provide meeting space, and will encourage attendance at solar workshops.

The Town will attempt to set a fixed permitting fee of \$100 for all residential systems installed under this program.

The Town shall not promote or endorse any program of a similar nature during the term of this agreement.

Solar Installer will offer East Hampton residents and business owners a price per Watt in a Tiered Pricing Structure. This price is for new residential or commercial Solar Photovoltaic systems installed in East Hampton. Contracts for these systems must be signed within the twelve (12) month period commencing on the date of the Launch Workshop the contract period.

Solar Installer will provide a Solar Photovoltaic System to the Town, at no charge. The size of the system will be 1 kW for every 100 pts earned, based upon 3pts per solarized home during the contract period.

All applications for permitting, rebates and utility interconnection will be the responsibility of Solar Installer. Rebate amounts are determined by Green Bank, and may change during the Program period.

Term

This Letter of Commitment shall take effect on the date the document is signed, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the program.

Termination

The Town's participation in the program may be terminated by the CT Solar Challenge™ with thirty (30) days written notice if the Town is in material breach of any term in this or the attached documents and such breach is not cured within the thirty (30) day period. The Town may terminate this Agreement in thirty (30) days written notice.

Compliance with Law

CT Solar Challenge™ & Solar Installer agree to comply with all applicable Federal and State rules and regulations.

Limitation of Liability

Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for indirect, incidental, punitive, special or consequential damages arising out of this Letter, even if the Party has been informed of the possibility of such damages, including but not limited to, loss of revenues or profits, failure to realize expected savings, loss of business opportunity or data, or any similar losses. However, this limitation shall not apply to damages of any kind related to criminal, intentional, reckless or grossly negligent omissions or conduct on the part of either Party.

Except as to indemnification obligations under this Section, the total liability of the Parties, their parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, agents or employees for all claims of any kind arising from this Letter, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, shall be limited to the value of the Town's earned photovoltaic system under this Letter.

Waivers

Covenants, duties, conditions and obligations contained in this Letter may be waived only by written agreement between the parties. Indulgence or forbearance in any form or manner by a party shall not be construed as a waiver, nor in any way limit the remedies available to that party.

Counterparts

This Letter may be executed in two or more counterparts, and be different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute on and the same instrument.

Amendments, Entire Agreement, and Attachments

All conditions, covenants, duties and obligations contained in this Letter may be amended only through a written amendment signed by the Town, the CT Solar Challenge™, and Solar Installer Energy. The Parties agree and understand that this Letter and attachments supersede all other verbal and written agreements and negotiations by the parties regarding the Program.

If you accept these terms and conditions, please sign and return one original copy of this letter to:

CT Solar Challenge™
1 Research Drive
Suite 2
Branford, CT 06405
ATTN: Maggie Treichel, Director

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Maggie M. Treichel
Director

Accepted and Agreed

The Town of East Hampton

By (signature): _____

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Accepted and Agreed

Selected Solar Installer

By (signature): _____

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



**ATTACHMENT B:
CT Solar Challenge™ Schedule
East Hampton, CT**

	Town of East Hampton signs Letter of Commitment
	Town chooses person(s) to be Liaison.
	Liaison begins developing list of potential volunteers.
2 weeks:	Set date and location of Launch Workshop.
	Town provides names of newspapers & publications to receive press releases and announcements.
	Town provides contact person for email lists that may be used for outreach.
	Town provides a list of local organizations and clubs (with contact info) to receive information, be approached for volunteers, and sponsor workshops.
	Town provides CTSC with locations where program information and signage may be posted.
4 - 6 weeks:	<p>Program is announced :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date and location of Launch Workshop & second Workshop are announced via press releases, email blasts, direct mail, etc. - CTSC website is announced and is available for people to sign up for site visits online. - Program information and signage posted throughout community. - Program information, logos and links posted on town website.
	- CTSC and volunteers take phone calls. (CTSC provides scripts and FAQs for volunteers).
6 - 8 weeks	<p>Program kicks off at Launch Workshop. The date of Launch begins the 6-month period during which residents and business owners can sign contracts for solar installations.</p>
10 -12 weeks	Second workshop is held.

Chester Energy Team postpones ribbon-cutting Jan. 29

CHESTER >>The Chester Energy Team will host a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Chester Town Hall at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, for the town hall's 6-kilowatt photo voltaic solar array has been postponed due to weather. Community members and public officials were invited to attend. CT Solar Challenge and Aegis, along with energy efficiency professionals from the state's Home Energy Solutions program, will be there to answer questions about residential solar.

The town hall's photovoltaic solar array, which was installed recently, was awarded to the town for operating the CT Solar Challenge, which resulted in 20 new residential photovoltaic and thermal installations.

With the Energy Team's help, by 2018 Chester hopes to achieve its commitment to the Clean Energy Pledge signed in 2013.

More information about the Chester Energy Team is available from the First Selectman's office at 860-526-0018 or online at www.ChesterCT.org. New date top be scheduled in early February.

This entry was posted in Chester on January 29, 2015 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/chester-energy-team-postpones-ribbon-cutting-jan-29/>] by ctsolarchallenge.

Woodbridge: The Solar Challenge is on!



Nearly 100 people attended the first workshop as part of the Woodbridge Energy Challenge, a program that provides one-stop shopping for residents interested in saving energy.

The Nov. 18 workshop focused on solar energy and also provided residents with information



about home energy assessments. The Woodbridge Energy Challenge was recommended by the Town's Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force, comprised of chair Lisa

Connor, Lor Ferrante Fernandes and Dawn Kopel.

Addressing the crowd, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar explained that she formed the Task Force with the goal of helping residents interested in going solar. "The great attendance at this workshop shows that Woodbridge residents are interested in lowering their energy bills and being good stewards of the environment," Scalettar said later. "I hope to see many more residents at other Woodbridge Energy Challenge events this winter."

At the solar workshop, residents learned about the benefits of going solar, what makes a good site for solar, different financing options and available rebates. Following a short presentation, residents asked many questions and had a chance to sign up for a free solar assessment and learn about home energy audits.

The Town of Woodbridge is partnering with CT Solar Challenge, a community-based program that promotes the adoption of solar energy through cost reduction, community outreach, and education. Residents are free to use any solar company they choose, but the Town has negotiated discounted pricing with a selected vendor, Aegis Solar. Aegis ran a similar program in Bethany a few years ago.

In conjunction with the CT Solar Challenge, the program is designed to help residents make their homes as energy efficient as possible through energy assessments. Residents who have not yet given their homes an energy checkup are encouraged to obtain a Home Energy Solutions (HES) assessment.

Segments of the Nov. 18 workshop are available on YouTube, www.youtube.com/channel/UCDRBxtG6vnYgzl37Lz-mbAw

This entry was posted in Woodbridge on January 12, 2015 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/woodbridge-solar-challenge/>] by ctsolarchallenge.

Derby takes the Solar Challenge

Derby is hoping its partnership with the CT Solar Challenge will help bring affordable solar power to the city starting next month. The CT Solar Challenge, a community-based program that promotes solar power use in the state, will hold an educational workshop for residents Nov. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Derby High School.

Mayor Anita Dugatto, who already had her home evaluated for a possible solar installation, encouraged residents to attend the workshop to learn about things like cost, financing and tax incentives for solar installations.



"CT Solar Challenge gives Derby residents the opportunity to install solar for less," she said. "Going green is good not just for the environment but also for the pocketbook."

Challenge director Maggie Treichel said state and federal subsidies make solar power more affordable than ever.

"Solar saves money and reduces carbon pollution that contributes to global warming," she said. "I hope that Derby residents will take advantage of CT Solar Challenge to go green."

Derby is the 10th town to partner with CT Solar Challenge and the first in the Naugatuck Valley. Homeowners can get a free assessment to see if they are good candidates for solar. Custom design, permitting, construction, connection with the utility, and warranty are all included in the program, Treichel said.

"Going solar has never been easier," she said.

Those planning to attend the workshop should register in advance at ctsolarchallenge.com and follow the links to the Derby page.

Other towns that have partnered with CT Solar Challenge are Bethany, Chester, Clinton, East Haven, Hamden, Madison, North Branford, Old Saybrook, Westbrook and Woodbridge.

This entry was posted in Derby on October 29, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/derby-takes-solar-challenge/>] by ctsolarchallenge.

Woodbridge Joins the Challenge!



The grass roots initiative CT Solar Challenge today announced that it will partner with Woodbridge to bring affordable and easy-to-install solar power to local residents and businesses.

CT Solar Challenge will hold a early bird solar workshop for Woodbridge homeowners and businesses from 6:30 pm to 8pm on November 18th at Woodbridge Library. Registration is required go to CTSolarChallenge.com and click on Woodbridge register at the bottom of the page, space is limited. Woodbridge is the 11th community to partner with CT Solar Challenge, a nonprofit group-buying initiative that works with towns to lower solar installation costs.

"I'm very pleased to welcome Woodbridge to the CT Solar Challenge family," CT Solar Challenge Director Maggie Treichel said. "CT Solar Challenge provides homeowners and businesses with an

affordable path to solar. Our community approach cuts costs and passes those savings on to residents. Solar saves money over the long term and has never been cheaper.”

Woodbridge First Selectwoman Ellen Scalettar said she looks forward to working with CT Solar Challenge to bring affordable solar to town.

“CT Solar Challenge and Woodbridge want to paint the town green,” Scalettar said. “I’m very pleased to offer residents the opportunity to install solar for less. CT Solar Challenge is a community effort, using local residents to promote and explain solar to their friends, neighbors and family. Engaging the community enables the program to cut costs and pass on those savings to residents. I urge residents to attend CT Solar Challenge’s upcoming workshop.”

CT Solar Challenge provides one-stop shopping. At the workshop, CT Solar Challenge team members will guide residents through the sign up and installation process, explaining solar equipment, tax incentives, installation and financing. Homeowners who have used the initiative will be on hand to answer questions and talk about their experience.

CT Solar Challenge offers all three types of solar, electricity, hot water and pool heating.

CT Solar Challenge’s limited enrollment period and community promotion model drives down solar marketing and advertising costs. As people join the program, these savings are passed on to participants through four tiers of pricing. CT Solar Challenge has had great success in each of the sponsored towns, reaching the lowest Tier 4 pricing with just under 200 kilowatts installed.

CT Solar Challenge also reduces costs by buying in bulk and using a single installer. The installer for Woodbridge will be Aegis Solar Energy.

“I look forward to partnering with CT Solar Challenge and Woodbridge to bring affordable solar to residents and businesses,” Aegis Solar Energy President and CEO Chris Lenda said. “Our company has more than 20 years experience installing solar. We will custom design and install a system that fits your needs.”

The time has never been better to go solar, Treichel said.

“As the price of solar panels has dropped, utility electricity rates have continued to rise, making solar energy affordable for everyone,” she said. “Going solar has never been easier. Homeowners will enjoy a free solar assessment to see if they are a good candidate for solar. Custom design, permitting, construction, connection with the utility and warranty are all included in the program.”

Attendees to the xx workshop are asked to register beforehand. Go to the CT Solar Challenge website at <http://ctsolarchallenge.com/>, click on Woodbridge and follow the instructions.

Other towns that have partnered with CT Solar Challenge are: Bethany, Chester, Clinton, Derby, East Haven, Hamden, Madison, North Branford, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

This entry was posted in Woodbridge on October 27, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/woodbridge-joins-challenge/>] by ctsolarchallenge.

CT SOLAR CHALLENGE EXPANDS TO EAST HAVEN

Maggie Treichel
CT Solar Challenge Director
800-505-7419
(203) 451-3449 (cell)

SEVENTH TOWN TO JOIN SOLAR BULK PURCHASE PROGRAM

CT Solar Challenge, a grassroots initiative to bring simple and affordable solar power to Connecticut homeowners announced today that they will partner with East Haven, in September to promote clean energy. The non-profit has already brought affordable solar power to the residents of Bethany, Chester, Clinton, North Branford and Hamden.

CT Solar Challenge Director Maggie Treichel said she is looking forward to the program's arrival in East Haven.

"I'm excited to launch CT Solar Challenge in East Haven," Treichel said. "The program is designed to raise awareness of the advantages of solar energy, as well as to encourage its adoption. Residents will discover how affordable solar has become thanks to current subsidies."

Aegis Solar Energy, a NABCEP-accredited solar installation company, is again the designated installer. CT Solar Challenge has had great success in each of the sponsored towns, reaching Tier 4 pricing with just under 200 kilowatts installed. With the East Haven Solar Challenge discounts, plus state and federal tax incentives, now is a great time to go solar.

At upcoming information meetings, the East Haven Solar Challenge team will guide homeowners through the process, including solar equipment, tax incentives, installation, and financing. Local solar homeowners will also be on hand to answer questions.

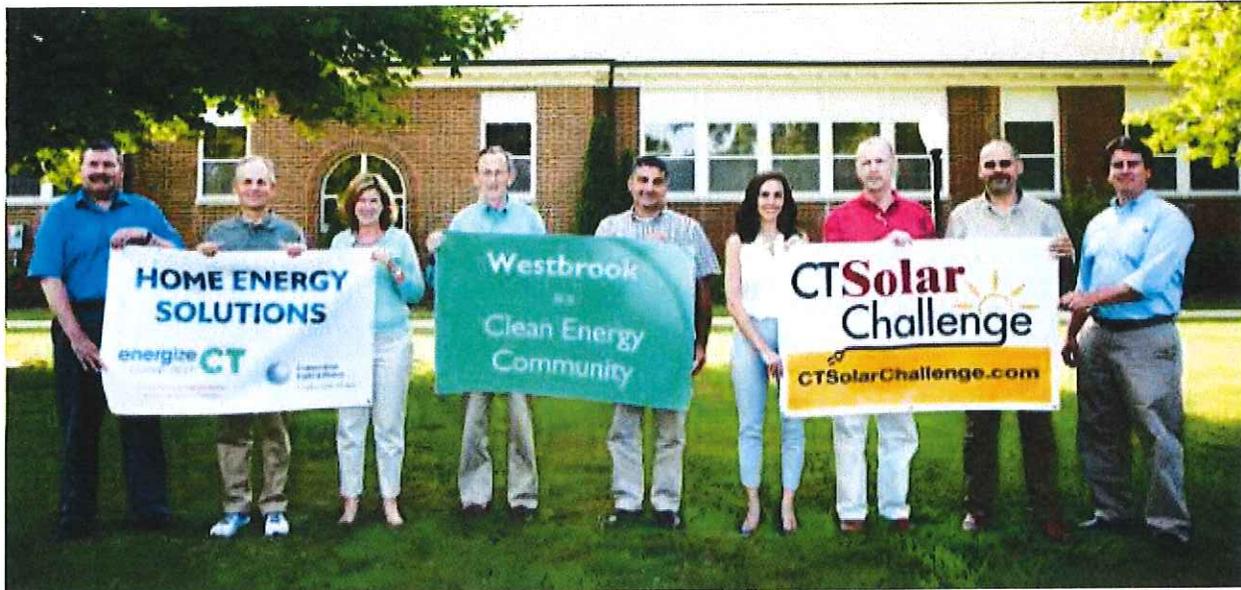
CT Solar Challenge programs bring neighbors together to earn group discounts in a limited enrollment period. The program will launch Sept. 23 with a solar workshop at the Senior Center, 91 Taylor Ave. from 7 to 9pm. Space is limited, so register early online at CTSolarChallenge.com/EastHaven/ There will be a second workshop on September 30th at the same time and place.

CT Solar Challenge's limited enrollment period and community promotion model drives down solar marketing and advertising costs. As people join the program, these savings are passed on to the participants through four tiers of pricing.

"As the price of solar panels has dropped, utility electricity rates have continued to rise, making solar energy affordable for everyone," Treichel said. "Going solar has never been easier. Homeowners will enjoy a free solar assessment to see if they are a good candidate for solar. Custom design, permitting, construction, connection with the utility and warranty are all included in the program."

For more information, go to CTSolarChallenge.com, and watch for announcements of free East Haven Solar Challenge information sessions.

This entry was posted in East Haven on September 3, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/ct-solar-challenge-expands-east-haven/>] by [ctsolarchallenge](http://ctsolarchallenge.com).



Westbrook Announces Solar Workshops

WESTBROOK, CT – Westbrook's Board of Selectmen and Energy Committee is proud to announce that the Town of Westbrook is launching **Westbrook Solar Challenge**, a campaign to make solar more affordable and easily accessible for the town's homeowners and small businesses. Selectman and Energy Committee Chairperson Chris Ehlert has set a goal to double the amount of residential scale solar power installations in Westbrook through the *CT Solar Challenge (CTSC)* campaign.

"This is exactly the kind of program that will help us expand solar in our community and offer an excellent investment opportunity for our residents." Ehlert said. "We can all take part in a greener and more sustainable future by coming out to the educational workshop."

The CT Solar Challenge presentation to the Westbrook committee will be held on Monday August 25, 2014, 7pm at the Westbrook Town Hall/Council of Beaches, 866 Boston Post Rd, Westbrook, CT . No registration is required for this event.

See the Westbrook Community Page for more workshop and presentation dates.

This entry was posted in Westbrook on July 31, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/westbrook-announces-solar-workshops/>] by Marjorie Clark.

Solar Workshop July 22nd from 7-9pm at Miller Library



Save Money.
Build Community.
Protect the Environment.

Contact Maggie to learn more 1-800-505-7419

Join The Challenge



Solar Workshop
for Hamden Residents

JULY 22 at Miller Library
from 7-9pm

Register online at CTSolarChallenge.com





This entry was posted in Hamden on July 22, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/soalr-workshop-july-22nd-7-9pm-miller-library/>] by ctsolarchallenge.

Connecticut Solar Challenge Expands to Hamden



Solar Workshop
for Hamden Residents
June 10th at Miller Library
from 7-9pm



From the Mayor's Office:

Mayor Scott Jackson announced today that CT Solar Challenge is coming to Hamden, a town initiative that makes solar simple and affordable for residents.

"We're excited to welcome CT Solar Challenge to town," Mayor Scott Jackson said. "CT Solar Challenge will help achieve our goal of making Hamden the state's most energy efficient town. I'm pleased that the program is community driven, using volunteers to offer solar to their neighbors. We urge residents to find out if this program is right for them." Continue reading →

This entry was posted in Hamden and tagged clean energy, CT Energize, solar power on May 27, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/connecticut-solar-challenge-expands-to-hamden-3/>] by ctsolarchallenge.

MADISON SOLAR TOUR



MADISON SOLAR ENTHUSIASTS INVITE YOU TO THEIR JUNE 7 OPEN HOUSE , SHOWCASING ELECTRICITY, HOT WATER, POOL HEATING SYSTEMS

Solar energy enthusiasts Bob and Melissa Blundon will hold an open house Saturday June 7 to showcase the solar electric, hot water and pool systems they have installed at their Madison home. Continue reading →

This entry was posted in Madison on May 19, 2014 [<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/madison-solar-tour/>] by ctsolarchallenge.



North Branford Solar Workshop

North Branford Solar Work Shop

By: Maggie Treichel

We had a great turn out on April 22nd when we launched North Branford Solar Challenge. Since Earth Day the program has reported to have 6 completed contracts, amounting to 72 kW. The Town has already earned it's first kW free solar array for one of the municipal buildings. If more people sign up the cost of solar will drop, giving everyone who already bought solar an even deeper discount. Please tell your neighbors to join the next solar work shop at the Smith Library in the center of Northford from 7-9pm.

North Branford Solar Challenge Starts Off Strong!

May 16, 2014

[<http://ctsolarchallenge.com/north-branford-solar-challenge-starts-off-strong/>]

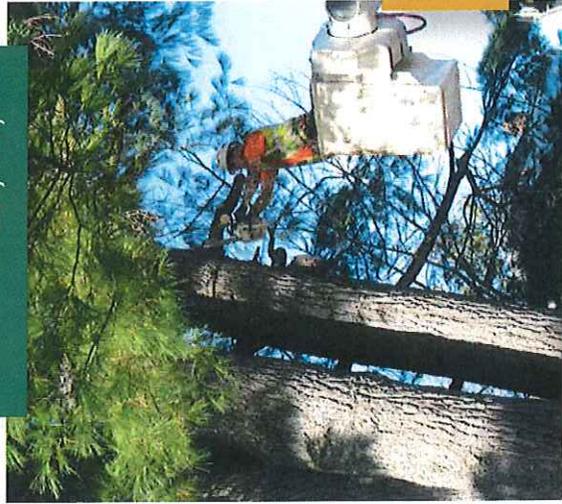
Eversource's System Resiliency Program

A "resilient" electric system delivers more than improved reliability. It can better withstand damage when extreme weather strikes.

That's why Eversource has developed a five-year, \$300 million System Resiliency Program. Beyond our everyday efforts, we're making an investment in our future and yours, to deliver more reliable power and superior customer service.

Strategic tree trimming
Advanced technology
Stronger poles and wires

More Reliable Power,
Every Day



Program Overview

Since 2013 and continuing through 2017, Eversource will upgrade selected circuits within its electric system. A circuit is a main line that may run through several towns over many miles. When a circuit is disrupted, a power outage can occur.

The System Resiliency Program includes four major initiatives:

- **Tree Trimming** — Clearing electric lines of limbs and branches; and removing weak, dead or diseased trees that can bring down wires if they fall.
- **Electrical Hardening** — Replacing bare, copper wires with thicker, rubber-coated wires that are more weather- and tree-resistant.
- **Structural Hardening** — Installing stronger poles, crossarms and hardware that are more durable and weather-resistant.
- **Equipment Automation** — Upgrading technology in field locations such as substations to remotely monitor, identify and more quickly resolve power outages.

Customer Benefits

With work underway in neighborhoods across the state, the resiliency program will improve power reliability for all Eversource customers:

- Better day-to-day system reliability
- Reduced frequency and duration of power outages from severe weather.



More than 90% of outages during storms are caused by falling trees and tree limbs.

Communicating and Coordinating

Resiliency work will be well-coordinated and communicated:

- Eversource will coordinate all parking, traffic and debris-disposal details with local and state officials.
- Eversource's qualified tree contractors will work directly with customers.
- Wood chips or cut wood will be offered at no cost to customers upon request.

Information is always available for Eversource customers:

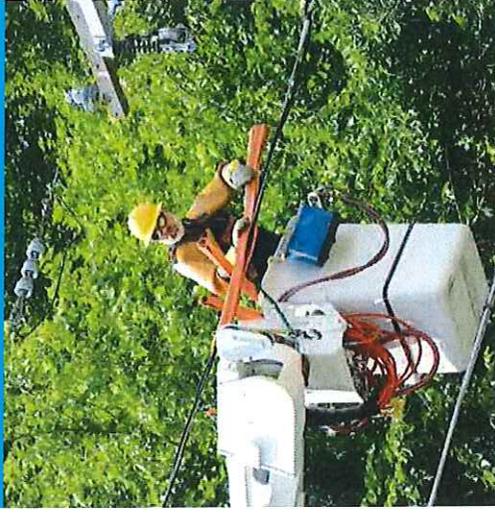
- Resiliency program details are available on www.eversource.com or through Eversource's Customer Care Center at 800-286-2000 (or 860-947-2000 in Hartford/Meriden).

Working together, we'll see results.

Here are a few ways you can help improve reliability:

- **Learn more** about planting the right trees in the right places at www.eversource.com.
- **Slow down** for work zones and look for workers in the roadway.

Improving Electric Reliability



Eversource's System Resiliency Program

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Making Poles and Wires Stronger

Structural Hardening

Utility poles will be upgraded on select circuits.

Eversource will:

- Install new, stronger poles that can withstand more severe weather, like hurricane-force winds capable of bringing down large, mature trees.
- Inspect poles to ensure they can support telephone and cable TV attachments, in addition to electrical equipment.
- Evaluate composite, or man-made, poles and crossarms to replace wooden equipment.



Electrical Hardening

Wires will be upgraded along main and secondary lines that serve large numbers of customers.

On select circuits, Eversource will:

- Replace bare, copper wire with thicker, rubber-coated wire that is more weather- and tree-resistant.
- Install protective equipment to isolate power outages and reduce the number of customers affected by an outage.

Reducing Damage from Trees

Resiliency program work includes a strategic schedule ensuring routine and enhanced tree trimming and removal.

Routine Tree Trimming

Standard tree-trimming clearances from utility poles are:

- 8 feet to the side.
- 10 feet below.
- 15 feet above.

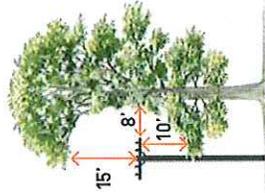
Eversource's qualified tree contractors will notify property owners in person or through information left inside door hangers.

Ice accumulation of 1/4-inch or more is considered hazardous to the electric system. Using thicker-gauge wires can help the system withstand three times more ice.

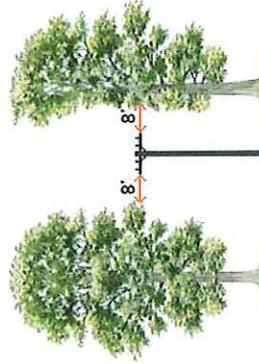
Enhanced Tree Trimming and Removal

- The enhanced tree-trimming work includes the removal of weak, dead or diseased trees that can cause power outages if they fall.
- The standard clearance from utility equipment is 8 feet from the ground up. We remove all overhanging limbs; tall brush; and small, dead or diseased trees with the potential to cause outages.
- Eversource's qualified tree contractors will notify property owners in person or through information left inside door hangers.

Routine Tree Trimming



Enhanced Tree Trimming and Removal

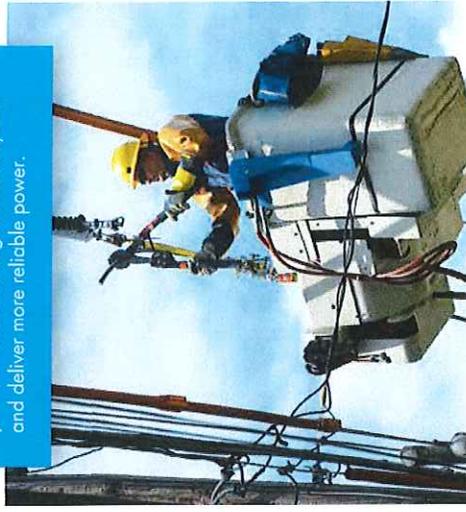


Advanced Technology

Eversource's design and automation upgrades will help to ensure a quicker response when power outages occur. At selected locations, Eversource will:

- Automate substation equipment for remote control capability.
- Increase remote data collection to monitor operations with real-time technology.
- Evaluate existing circuit designs to improve performance under extreme weather conditions.

Beyond our everyday efforts, we're making an investment in our future and yours to build a stronger electric system and deliver more reliable power.



For more information on Eversource's System Resiliency Program, please visit www.eversource.com.



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February 6, 2015

To: The East Hampton Town Council

Documentation of the below listed tax refunds are available in the Tax Office for your review if you so desire. The refunds total \$438.28.

Thank you for your assistance.

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