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Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change

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# Connecticut Climate Change

**Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change**  
**February 2009 Briefing Notes**  
(January 14, 2009 meeting was canceled)

## 1. **Minutes from September 10, 2008 GSC Meeting**

Draft meeting minutes were e-mailed to the GSC prior to January 14.

## 2. **Implementation of PA 08-98**

An outline strategy is being developed for implementation of PA 08-98. Initial efforts include a three part plan as follows:

- Pursuing a “no regrets policy” of achieving all cost effective early action GHG reduction strategies as funding permits;
- Engaging in the planning effort needed to identify the policies and programs that will achieve the required GHG emission reductions (primary focus on getting contracts in place for initial GHG inventory work and scenario modeling & analysis); and
- Engaging stakeholders in the prioritization and implementation of the programs identified in the various planning efforts.

## 3. **State Agency Lead By Example (LBE) Initiative and Work Plan**

The C4 agencies are working on the following:

- Identifying GHG reduction targets for state agencies, data sources, and a plan to measure progress;
- Identifying a short list of priority energy efficiency projects for buildings used by state agencies;
- Continuing to reduce VMT, state fleet, mileage, and gasoline use;
- Purchasing highly efficient products (Energy Star, low GHG vehicles); and
- Providing education and outreach to state agencies on GHG reduction (including January 2009 State Energy Roundtable, drafting of case studies/best practices).

Possible funding sources for some of the LBE work include Supplemental Environmental Project funds from DEP and RGGI funds.

## 4. **Report on Adaptation Subcommittee**

The GSC Adaptation Subcommittee held its first meeting on December 19, 2008. The presentation on Climate Impacts on Connecticut, scheduled to be held

directly following the business meeting, was canceled because of a snow storm. Summary of the December 19 GSC Adaptation Subcommittee meeting:

- The meeting was run by the co-chairs of the Subcommittee - Commissioner Gina McCarthy and Lise Hanners, State Director of The Nature Conservancy
- The Subcommittee created four working groups and appointed co-chairs for the working groups:
  - *Natural Resources and Ecological Habitats*: Co-chairs are Commissioner Gina McCarthy or her designee [subsequent to the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Commissioner McCarthy designated Bill Hyatt as DEP co-chair] and Adam Whelchel, The Nature Conservancy
  - *Infrastructure*: Co-chairs are Commissioner Gina McCarthy or her designee [subsequent to the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Commissioner McCarthy designated Paul Stacey as DEP co-chair] and Denise Savageau, Greenwich
  - *Agriculture*: Co-chairs are DOAG Commissioner Philip Prelli or his designee and Steve Reviczky, CT Farm Bureau
  - *Public Health*: Co-chairs are designee of DPH Commissioner Robert Galvin [subsequent to the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting Commissioner Galvin designated Pamela Kilbey-Fox as DPH co-chair] and Dennis McBride, Milford
- Adaptation Subcommittee meeting schedule for 2009
  - March 13, 11:00 – 1:00
  - June 11, 10:00 – 12:00
  - September 10, 10:00 – 12:00
  - December 10, 10:00 – 12:00
- Action items/next steps:
  - Move forward to obtain consulting services to facilitate the Adaptation Subcommittee
  - Help Working Groups set up calls to discuss who else should be included in the working groups and begin to set the scope of work for working groups
  - Set up a meeting with NYC adaptation task force advisor
- View the December 19, 2008 [meeting notes](#) and participants through this hyperlink
- The state climate change [website section on Adaptation](#) will provide information on the working groups, meeting schedules, etc.

The next meeting of the Adaptation Subcommittee on March 13, 2009 will include a presentation on the projected impacts of climate change on New York (based on the study by Center for Climate Systems Research at Columbia University soon to be released) and information on the New York City process for assessing climate impacts and adaptation.

##### 5. **2009 Climate Change Leadership Awards Program (CCCLAP)**

The 2009 CCCLAP was launched on January 12, 2009. Information is available on the [state climate change web site](#). Changes from last year include: adding a

specific category for state agency awards and broadening the program to recognize actions that address adaptation to climate change. C4 is doing outreach to many groups to invite nominations, including the Spanish speaking community.

2009 CCCLAP timeline:

- January 12 – launch
- February 20 – nomination deadline
- February 26 – C4 CCCLAP committee review of nominations
- late February – early March – DEP environmental compliance checks on proposed awardees
- March 18 – GSC vote on proposed awardees
- late March – notification of all nominees
- April/May – awards ceremony (date TBD based on awardee and GSC schedules)

### **2009 GSC meeting schedule**

GSC schedule and meeting minutes are [posted on the website](#):

- Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 1:00
- Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 1:00
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 1:00



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## Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change

### MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2009

#### Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees/Designees: DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy, DEP Deputy Commissioner Amey Marrella, DPUC Commissioner Kevin DelGobbo, OPM Undersecretary John Mengacci, DAS Commissioner Brenda Sisco, CCEF Chari Timothy Bowels, DOT Designee Cynthia Holden.

Other Participants: C4 staff and members of the public.

#### Agenda and Notes

1. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

2. **Approve Minutes**

September 10, 2008 minutes were approved.

3. **Welcome**

Commissioner McCarthy welcomed the group and noted that she is unable to participate in any decisions in CT related to climate change and air quality while she awaits confirmation of her appointment to serve as EPA Assistant Administrator of Air and Radiation. She stated that Deputy Commissioner Amey Marrella will be taking the lead on climate change for the agency and replacing Commissioner McCarthy as Chair of the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change (GSC).

4. **Update on Adaptation Subcommittee**

The second meeting of Adaptation Subcommittee was held March 13, 2009. Working group chairs reported on some of the key issues and how they intend to run the working groups.

Working groups:

- Natural Resources and Ecological Habitats - Co-chairs Bill Hyatt (DEP) and Adam Whelchel (The Nature Conservancy)
- Infrastructure – Co-chairs Paul Stacey (DEP) and Denise Savageau (Greenwich)
- Agriculture – Co-chairs Commissioner Prelli (DOAG) and Steve Reviczky (CT Farm Bureau)
- Public Health – Co-chairs Pamela Kilbey-Fox (DPH) and Dr. Dennis McBride (Milford)

Before next meeting, Subcommittee co-chairs will work on proposing a common framework for use by all working groups. There was also a presentation to the Subcommittee and stakeholders on “**Projected Climate Hazards and Impacts and Adaptation Planning in New York Metro Region.**” Approximately 50 people attended the presentation.

**5. Vote on 2009 Climate Change Leadership Awards**

C4 staff summarized the 2009 applications, review process, and proposed 2009 awardees. GSC voted unanimously to approve the slate of proposed 2009 awardees (see list below), with Commissioner McCarthy abstaining. The award ceremony will be scheduled for May.

- Aetna
- Amity High School Global Warming Club
- Connecticut College
- Cornwall Energy Task Force
- Heidi Golden
- Interreligious Eco-Justice Network
- Roger Smith
- Zane’s Bicycles

**6. Review Proposed State Agency Lead By Example Work Plan**

C4 staff presented LBE initiatives to date, including recommended use of DEP SEP money on energy efficiency upgrades for 4 DOC projects that would result in significant cost and energy savings. GSC advised C4 to coordinate LBE efforts closely with federal stimulus energy efficiency program funds and the CT Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funds where appropriate.

**7. Implementation of Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA)**

DEP has drafted an RFP for services needed to implement the GWSA, using RGGI funds. Initial work will be on the GHG inventory, done by North East States for Coordinated Air Management (NESCAUM).

**8. Agency Updates**

Agencies shared updates.



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## Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change MEETING MINUTES June 25, 2009

### Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees/Designees: DEP Acting Commissioner Amey Marrella, DPUC Vice Chairman Jack Betkoski, OPM Undersecretary John Mengacci, CCEF Chair Timothy Bowles.

Other Participants: C4 staff and members of the public.

### Agenda and Notes

#### 9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### 10. Approve Minutes

March 18, 2009 minutes were approved, with the correction of adding Tim Bowles' name to the list of meeting participants.

#### 11. Federal stimulus grants and stimulus competitive opportunities for climate/energy work

Ray Wilson of OPM provided an overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds available to CT for energy/climate work. Roughly \$38.5 million is available through State Energy Program grants: \$20 million for renewable energy projects, \$17.5 million for energy efficiency and conservation programs (including \$5 million for energy projects in state buildings), and \$1.1 million for other programs including alternative fuels, building operator certification, and building inspector training. An additional \$24.5 million in ARRA funding is being allocated through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. For details on ARRA funds for CT energy/climate projects, see

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=3006&q=436948>

#### 12. Updates on Implementation of Global Warming Solutions Act

Paul Farrell of DEP provided an update on progress in implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act. DEP has contracted with NESCAUM to perform a GHG inventory. After some research, NESCAUM is recommending a "top down" inventory. The next phase of work will be to generate data on GHG reductions and emissions scenario analyses for GHG reduction strategies.

#### 13. Updates on Adaptation Subcommittee work

Bob Kaliszewski of DEP provided an update on the work of the GSC Adaptation Subcommittee, which has created work groups on climate change impacts on the following four areas: infrastructure, natural resources and habitats, agriculture, and public health. A

[powerpoint presentation](#) summarizes the NYC climate impacts projections that the CT Adaptation Subcommittee is using, a process for assessing risks and priorities, and the status of the four work groups from the June 11 Subcommittee meeting. There will be a meeting of the work group co-chairs in July and the next full meeting of the Subcommittee will be in September.

#### **14. Agency Updates**

- a. The fourth RGGI auction was held in mid June. RGGI auction allowances sold at \$3.23/ton. RGGI proceeds from this auction generated approximately \$4 million for CT energy efficiency and clean energy programs.
- b. DEP participated in a multi-state discussion on climate change with WRI, PEW, NACAA and other states. A [summary document](#) of the different major climate initiatives was created.

#### **Upcoming meetings:**

September 16, 2009, 1:00 – 2:30, GSC meeting at DEP



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### MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2009

#### Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees and Designees: DEP Commissioner/GSC Chair Amey Marrella, OPM Undersecretary John Mengacci, Colleen Kissane (DOT), Peggy Diaz (DPUC), Bob Wall (CCEF), Don Casella (DAS).

Other Participants: Climate Change Coordinating Committee (C4) staff and members of the public.

#### Agenda and Notes

##### 15. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

##### 16. Approve Minutes

June 25, 2009 minutes were approved unanimously.

##### 17. Federal Updates

- *Federal climate change legislation and State Voice*  
The US House bill passed and there is now a proposed Senate bill. DEP has been monitoring and providing comments on federal climate legislation through the "State Voice," which is an effort of the states to provide perspective on the role of the states in federal climate legislation. Governor Rell has been a strong advocate of federal climate legislation. The major issues relate to a proposed federal greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program. Some of the questions regarding a federal cap-and-trade program include whether the cap is tight enough, what sectors will be included, what counts as an offset, how RGGI states will transition to a federal program, if allowances are transferable, and if/how long states will be pre-empted from state or regional cap and trade programs.
- *Federal climate regulation*  
In the absence of federal legislation, a federal climate change program could also be developed and implemented by EPA regulation under the Clean Air Act (CAA). The US Supreme Court ruled in 2007 that CO<sub>2</sub> fits within the definition of "air pollutant," and as a result could be subject to regulation under the CAA. Resultantly, EPA has taken a number of steps to regulate GHGs under the CAA, including the issuance of a proposed "endangerment finding." An endangerment finding is a prerequisite to regulation by EPA of specific GHG sources. In anticipation of finalizing the proposed endangerment finding, EPA has begun to issue proposed rules to regulate both mobile and stationary sources of CO<sub>2</sub>. Draft EPA rulings include: a greenhouse gas reporting rule, combined

federal tailpipe standards and vehicle efficiency standards, and the proposed permitting of large stationary sources of CO<sub>2</sub>. EPA has also issued a rule that will enable CA, CT (and 13 other states that have opted into the CA program) to implement the CA GHG tailpipe emission standards.

- What's next for the RGGI region?  
NE states are discussing RGGI linkages to other sectors, specifically through the development of a regional low carbon fuel standard that would decrease carbon intensity of transportation and heating fuels. Other RGGI linkages include discussion states proposing cap and trade programs in the west (Western Climate Initiative) and Midwest.

## 18. State Updates

### 1. GSC Agency Updates

- DEP - Commissioner Marrella attended the "[Governors' Global Climate Summit 2: On the Road to Copenhagen](#)." The conference was sponsored by Governors from a number of states, including Connecticut, and focused on mitigation and adaptation and highlighted the important role of subnational governments (i.e., state and local governments) in developing a dialogue leading to the upcoming global climate negotiations in Copenhagen. Participants, including Governor Rell, signed a [declaration](#) "committing to work together to pursue clean transportation and mobility, support national climate change legislation, include forests in climate policy development, acknowledge the need for adaptation efforts and recognize the role of subnational governments in the discussions on the next global climate agreement being negotiated in Copenhagen this December." In another initiative, Commissioner Marrella participated in the [Georgetown State-Federal Climate Resource Center](#) dialogue to promote the role of states in federal climate change policy.
- OPM – 91% of ARRA funds have been obligated. Breakdown of ARRA funding: 1) \$38.5 million for CEEF programs including Home Energy Solutions, Energy Opportunities (C&I), and small business targeted programs; CEEF programs including solar thermal, geothermal, PV, and fuel cells; and efficiency improvements and clean energy at state facilities; and 2) \$9 million to 143 smaller towns for Energy Conservation Block Grants. OPM has also applied to DOE for \$3.8 million to fund an Energy Star appliance rebate program.
- CCEF – Governor Rell issued a [press release](#) on October 14, 2009, announcing the launch of the CCEF Solar Thermal Incentive Program. CCEF is working on green jobs, specifically tools and curriculum for technical schools to develop solar PV and thermal systems. CCEF just completed the 5<sup>th</sup> in a series of regional workshops for Clean Energy Task Forces, partnering with Clean Water Action, which has produced a guidance booklet for CT towns on applying for Community Block Grants.
- DOT – New Britain-Hartford Busway is in final design. DOT applied for ARRA funding for New Haven- Springfield Commuter Rail. [American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials](#) is addressing transportation and climate change. For transportation projects, 5% of construction costs of the project have now been set aside for bike-pedestrian infrastructure.
- DAS – Between May 2007 and October 2009, the number of hybrids in the State fleet increased from 267 – 426 (from 5.99% of fleet to 11.54% of fleet).
- DPUC – DPUC conducted rate reviews of two out of the state's three gas companies. In both cases, the DPUC approved rate decreases of 3.2 % from present revenues for Southern CT Gas and the CT Natural Gas companies.

Also, the DPUC recently rendered a decision approving the 2009 CEAB Plan for the state's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The IRP Plan is a comprehensive review of the state's energy/ reliability needs going forward. It is developed by the utilities and is acted on and reviewed by the CT Energy Advisory Board (CEAB) which once its review is completed, the report is filed with the DPUC for a final review and adoption or rejection process. The decision notes that this is a transitional year for IRP, and that next year's report is intended to have a more comprehensive plan of energy resources since the 2009 Plan depended largely on projects still underway from the 2008 Plan.

2. Implementation of CT's Global Warming Solutions Act – A [handout](#) summarizes progress on implementation of the Global Warming Solutions Act and another [handout](#) summarizes work by the Adaptation Subcommittee.
  - The Adaptation Subcommittee workgroups are working on their reports on climate impacts and the next meeting of the Adaptation Subcommittee is November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will seek public input on the draft report, which is due at the end of the year. A draft report should be made available to the GSC at their next meeting.
  - GSC agencies must report on activities to improve energy efficiency at their agencies and identify policies and regulations to reduce GHG emissions. This report is due January 1, 2010. GSC directed C4 to report back on progress on this report at the next GSC meeting.
  - DEP is preparing an updated GHG inventory, based on 2007 emissions data. The updated inventory should be available soon.
3. Preview of redesigned climate change website  
C4 showed a preview of the redesigned State climate change website. The existing site, [www.ctclimatechange.com](http://www.ctclimatechange.com) has been in use since 2003, with funding and support from the CT Clean Energy Fund and the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation. The site redesign has been funded by the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation. The site focuses on demonstrating CT leadership on climate change – both mitigation and adaptation, highlighting solutions, featuring stories of CT “heroes” that are addressing climate change, helping users find info on CT Climate Change Action Plan and progress in meeting GHG targets. The site seeks to be interactive, upbeat, solutions-focused, and user friendly. The website should be ready to launch in November and C4 suggested focusing on a launching strategy. GSC directed C4 to develop a website launch marketing strategy for discussion at the next GSC meeting.

The site redesign work included designing a new CT climate change logo. C4 detailed the process for logo redesign and showed the proposed new logo, called “tipping point,” which was designed by Bertz Design using Tremaine Funds. GSC expressed concerns about the logo, particularly the cropping of the words “climate” and “change.” After discussion, GSC provided meeting participants the opportunity to recommend a logo design and “tipping point” was chosen as the new CT climate change logo, with the condition that C4 explore other cropping options with the designers.

4. Municipal climate change outreach program and website addition  
The new climate change website includes an interactive section for towns that will provide direction from the GSC on climate actions that CT towns should take. The site will allow towns to identify their accomplishments and share information with other towns. In addition, the site will provide a toolkit of resources and/or incentives available

to CT towns on climate actions.

Commissioner Marrella asked C4 to develop plans for a summit for municipal officials and clean energy task force members to learn about climate change actions. The summit should be scheduled for Saturday in the first quarter of 2010 and highlight resources available to help towns with climate action and best practices. The C4 was tasked to develop draft plans for the summit for discussion by the GSC at their next meeting.

**19. Discussion of GSC Priorities for 2010**

The following possible GSC priorities for 2010 were discussed briefly: outreach to municipalities (including the summit and the website), business outreach (integrating CEEF business sustainability challenge), an update of the CT Climate Change Action Plan since the Plan is almost five years old (perhaps in a different kind of format). GSC tasked C4 to develop a proposed list of 2010 priorities for the next GSC meeting.

GSC requested the scheduling of a GSC meeting for early December to follow up on the action items GSC requested from C4. In addition, the 2010 quarterly GSC meetings will be scheduled.



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## Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change

Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2009

### Meeting Participants

GSC Attendees and Designees: DEP Commissioner/GSC Chair Amey Marrella, DPUC Vice Chairman Jack Betkoski, III, CCEF Chair Norma Glover, Jim Redeker, Bureau Chief of Public Transportation and Interim Bureau Chief of Policy & Planning at DOT.

Other Participants: Climate Change Coordinating Committee (C4) staff and members of the public.

### *Agenda and Notes*

#### **2. Public comments**

Henry Link (Enviro Energy Connections) suggested that the GSC sponsor a statewide competition on energy use, similar to the energy efficiency competition that has been run in West Hartford schools last year and this year. Competitions also could span into other sectors beyond schools.

#### **3. Approve minutes from October 14, 2009 GSC meeting**

Commissioner Marrella noted a need to refine the October minutes and requested that the GSC hold off on approving the minutes until the next meeting. In the mean time, GSC members were asked to review draft minutes and send any necessary edits to DEP.

### **Welcome new GSC members**

Commissioner Marrella welcomed two new members to the GSC: 1) Norma Glover, Chair of the CT Clean Energy Fund Board of Directors, and 2) Jim Redeker, Bureau Chief of Public Transportation and Interim Bureau Chief of Policy & Planning at DOT.

#### **4. Proposed plan for GSC Municipal Symposium on climate actions**

The C4 reported on the formation of an ad hoc advisory group to provide input on outreach to municipalities on climate action and the municipal summit. The group includes individuals from active clean energy task forces in 8 towns. Based on the advisory group's input, C4 provided an overview of the Draft Proposal: [GSC Municipal Symposium and Program to Support Municipal Action on Climate Change/Sustainability](#). GSC expressed enthusiasm and support for the municipal summit, acknowledging CCEF's success in

developing the CT Clean Energy Communities Program and building a core of enthusiastic local volunteers. GSC discussion resulted in the following direction to C4:

- Continue summit planning and work on details necessary to hold the summit.
- Invite both clean energy task force members and chief elected municipal officials.
- Explore the possibility of holding the summit at the CT Science Center. Participants could then tour the exhibits after the workshop. Vice Chairman Betkoski volunteered to contact the Science Center on behalf of the GSC. Alternate location is DEP headquarters.
- Provide a list of climate actions to municipalities at the summit and ask them what actions they want to take next. Ask towns to identify 3 actions for support from the GSC.
- Coordinate with Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) and the Council of Small Towns (COST) in planning the summit.
- Determine two possible dates, based on the discussion with the CT Science Center. Members of the GSC plan to attend.
- Develop a detailed plan for the summit (e.g., potential dates, location, speakers, draft agenda).
- Draft an invitation letter for the Governor's signature. The letter could be sent by either the Governor or the GSC.

#### **5. Proposed plan for CT Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) update mechanism and progress tracker**

C4 presented the draft [CT Climate Change Action Plan Progress Tracker](#) with color coding to show the status of actions and explained that the spreadsheet is intended to be a living document that will be updated regularly to track the list of GHG actions for CT and the status of implementation. The document will include actions in the CT Climate Change Action Plan, requirements of the CT Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA), and additional GHG measures need to meet CT's GHG targets under GWSA. GSC agreed that this is a useful format and directed C4 to:

- Revise the spreadsheet for discussion at the next GSC meeting to include recommendations on actions to be added or deleted;
- Add actions that towns tell us are important after the municipal summit;
- Continue to include "carrot" and "stick" actions – although actions like public education and municipal outreach may not be quantifiable in terms of GHG reductions, these are tremendously valuable and should be on the GHG list;
- Suggest other graphical representations to summarize and effectively communicate information on implementation status of Climate Change Action Plan (2005);
- Provide a revised spreadsheet to GSC at their June meeting that includes additional GWSA strategies and proposed changes to the CCAP list of actions. The GSC will then seek public comment on the comprehensive list of GHG strategies in the spreadsheet.

#### **6. Proposed plan for launch of new climate change website**

C4 provided a brief overview of the redesign of the state climate change website, [www.ctclimatechange.com](http://www.ctclimatechange.com), which was funded by the Tremaine Foundation and will include a municipal toolkit on climate actions. C4 reviewed a [Draft Outline for Launch of New Climate Change Website](#). GSC agreed with the website launch approach and provided the following direction to C4:

- Ensure the site will be updated regularly;
- Draft a letter for the Governor's signature to announce the municipal summit and the launching of the new website;
- Feature aspects of the new website (e.g., climate heroes) in Earth Day 2010 outreach, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day;
- Perform outreach, within available resources, on the new website.

## **7. Proposed GSC priorities for 2010**

C4 presented [Proposed GSC Priorities for 2010](#). The consensus of the GSC was to endorse and accept the priorities as proposed. GSC had the following comments on the priorities:

- 1) Develop 5-year update to CCAP that incorporate additional GHG reduction strategies to meet GWSA requirements: As noted in Item 4 above, C4 is directed to update the progress tracker list for the GSC's next meeting. GSC noted that "continued stakeholder input" means input beyond this process.
- 2) Develop budget and evaluate options to support GSC work: C4 suggested the exploration of creative "out-of-the-box" opportunities. GSC agreed and asked C4 to present some ideas.
- 3) Provide targeted education and outreach, including municipal summit and outreach to businesses, etc.: See discussion under Item 3 above on municipal summit, which will be the sole focus during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010. The remainder of 2010 will include outreach to businesses, the Climate Change Leadership Awards, and municipal follow up efforts.
- 4) Adaptation Subcommittee: The final report of the Adaptation Subcommittee on Climate Change Impacts in Connecticut will be presented to the GSC at their February meeting.
- 5) Track and encourage participation in federal action to address climate change: C4 and agency staff should track federal climate proposals that are relevant to their respective agency.
- 6) Participate in regional coordination on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

## **8. Updates on reports due:**

- Adaptation Subcommittee Report – The working groups, with the exception of the Public Health workgroup, have drafted reports on climate impacts, which are posted at <http://www.ctclimatechange.com/Adaptation.html>. There will be two public informational meetings on the draft reports: December 17 in Hartford and the evening of January 12 in New Haven.
- Report on energy improvements to GSC agency facilities and policies to reduce GHG emissions – C4 reported that it has nearly completed a draft of this report; it will be

completed the week of December 14 and then provided to the GSC for review. The report will be submitted to the Secretary of OPM and Commissioner of DEP (as required by GWSA) during by the first week in January.

- 2009 GHG Inventory Update – The 2009 Update to the CT GHG Inventory has been [posted on the DEP website](#). There is a 30-day public comment period, which ends on January 7, 2010. The inventory will be finalized shortly after that. The final inventory will be presented to the GSC at their February meeting.

### **2010 GSC Meeting Schedule**

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

September 2010 – TBD