

**AD HOC REPORT
Oil Watch
Reference #21 – July, 2008**

Chairman Cavo called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. on August 21, 2008. In attendance were committee members Councilmen Visconti and Calandrino. Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance; Wade Anderson, Information Technology Manager; Chris Herb, Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association Director; Jeff Jennings, Jennings Oil and Chapter President; Bob Jennings, Jennings Oil; Councilman Rotello ex-officio and members of the public were also in attendance. Councilwoman Teicholz entered the meeting at 6:15PM.

Chairman Cavo advised that this meeting was a continuation of the Ad Hoc meeting held on July 28, 2008. A brief overview of the previous meeting was given. The intent from the previous meeting was for local oil companies to join forces to provide a link for the public to access oil prices.

Chris Herb gave an overview of the manner in which Connecticut is supplied with oil and how it the price is determined. There are 540 heating oil and gasoline distributors in Connecticut.

Jeff Jennings offered comments regarding his concerns relating to the establishment of a co-op, reduction of competition and futures contracts.

Discussion followed regarding the best sources of information for the public to access and adding an energy link to the City website. The Atty. General's Office, Consumer Protection, the Office of Policy and Management and the ICPA site all have good information available. The State is offering enhanced incentives to consumers to upgrade heating equipment and increased fuel assistance. Jeff Jennings indicated that the state provides good information and it would be his preference. It was the consensus of the committee to provide information to residents via the Department of Consumer Protection.

Councilman Visconti offered comments regarding liability issues relating to posting information of the City's website. Atty. Pinter advised that a disclaimer would need to be added to the site.

Mr. Anderson indicated that a general link could be added to the City's homepage to provide general information relating to energy sources, as well as a link to the State of Connecticut Consumer Protection Department.

Councilman Calandrino moved to make available, as a public service, information accessible to City residents regarding the availability of energy via a link on the City's website to the Department of Consumer Protection. Seconded by Councilman Visconti. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Visconti moved to adjourn at 6:31P.M. Seconded by Councilman Calandrino. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cavo, Chairman

Fred Visconti

Michael Calandrino