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West Hartford Receives Nearly \$400,000 In Energy Rebates

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WEST HARTFORD —

The town has received \$398,422.50 in energy rebates from Connecticut Light & Power as a reward for the completion of several projects that conserve energy and reduce utility costs, according to a resolution included in the agenda for Tuesday's town council meeting.

The council on Tuesday will vote to accept the money and add it to the energy conservation capital projects account.

The rebates come from CL&P's Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund program. The rewards are for projects including lighting retrofits at schools, parks and pools; a boiler replacement at Sedgwick Middle School; a roof replacement at Conard High School and building control upgrades and a steam trap retrofit at Webster Hill School, according to the resolution.

"Every time the town does an energy efficiency project, or even when we do capital projects and we look for ways to increase energy efficiency, we can apply to CL&P for incentive money," said Catherine Diviney, the town's energy specialist.

"A lot of times, these are project we're doing anyway for our Capital Improvement Plan, so it's free money," she said. "But we try to add energy efficiency" whenever a capital project is done.

The program includes bonus incentives for what it calls "comprehensive projects," which save on both electricity and gas, Diviney said.

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"If we have a boiler retrofit in our capital plan ... and we can do a lighting retrofit at the same time, we maximize our return," she said.

Diviney said the town has numerous energy efficiency projects planned for the next few years.

In January 2005, the council signed the original Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge, committing to purchase 20 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2010.

The town council recently voted to renew the town's commitment to the program, pledging to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent and to purchase 20 percent more renewable energy by 2018.

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