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## **Naugatuck Mayor Encouraging Residents to Sign Up for Energy-Saving Program**

*Mayor participates in Energize Connecticut's "Home Energy Solutions<sup>SM</sup>"*

**NAUGATUCK, Conn.** – January 19, 2017 – Naugatuck Mayor Pete Hess II recently participated in Home Energy Solutions from Eversource and Energize Connecticut, a low-cost way to save money and improve your apartment or home.

“Nearly twenty percent of both our residents and businesses have participated in various Energize Connecticut programs, and our town has made energy efficiency a top priority for municipal buildings,” said Mayor Hess. “Home Energy Solutions is a perfect opportunity for Naugatuck residents to continue our town-wide energy efficiency efforts and make their homes more comfortable.”

Home Energy Solutions includes a home energy assessment and on-the-spot energy improvements performed by an Eversource-authorized contractor. The service is valued at an average of \$1,000, but only costs \$124; the fee is waived for income-eligible residents. A typical customer saves \$200 a year following a Home Energy Solutions assessment and will receive recommendations from their contractor for even more energy savings.

“Participating in Home Energy Solutions will help you save on your energy bills year-round, year after year,” Eversource’s energy efficiency spokesman Enoch Lenge said. “Additionally, improvements and recommendations from this energy assessment will ensure that your home is comfortable throughout the rest of the winter and into the warmer months ahead.”

During the Mayor’s Home Energy Solutions assessment, representatives from New England Conservation Services performed the following services:

- Sealed around doors, windows, floor joists, and any other areas where air can enter or escape (this service alone is valued at an average of \$600)
- Provided and installed energy-saving light bulbs, including LEDs and CFLs
- Performed health and safety tests on heating and cooling equipment
- Provided and installed water-saving showerheads and faucet aerators, and hot water pipe wrap
- Provided a report detailing his home’s performance before and after the changes that included educational tips and recommendations on how to further reduce home energy costs
- Provided information on rebates and financing for additional upgrades including insulation, windows, appliances, and heating and cooling equipment as applicable

“New England Conservation Services is excited to offer Home Energy Solutions and Home Energy Solutions-Income Eligible to Naugatuck residents,” said New England Conservation Services owner John Greeno. “These

services will make a positive impact on reducing a home or apartment’s energy costs while making our customers more comfortable this winter. We have already provided Home Energy Solutions to 79 Naugatuck households and look forward to serving many more residents.”

In April 2016, Naugatuck joined [Clean Energy Communities \(CEC\)](#), the nationally-recognized Energize Connecticut initiative designed to help cities and towns save energy. Eversource is currently working with Naugatuck to help the town reach its energy goals and reduce municipal building energy consumption by 20 percent by 2018.

Through Clean Energy Communities, Naugatuck residents that participate in Energize Connecticut programs – such as Home Energy Solutions – help the town earn points toward a grant. These “Bright Idea Grants” fund community-selected energy saving projects such as the recent LED light bulb swap at the Senior Center, or the installation of new LED lighting at a school.

Residents looking to sign up for Home Energy Solutions should visit [EnergizeCT.com](#) or call 877-WISE-USE (947-3873).



**PHOTO CAPTION: Upon completion of the HES assessment, Matt Kavanaugh of New England Conservation Services (right) offered Mayor Hess recommendations to further his home’s energy efficiency upgrades.**

#### ***About Energize Connecticut***

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](#) or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

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