

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes 6/26/19

Present: Greg Ames, Bob Babcock, Bill Horne, Shirley McCarthy, Chris Lenda, Rick Saltz

Absent: Elena Cahill,

Guests: Sharon Huttner

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- 1) The minutes of 6/17/19 were unanimously approved, motion: Bob Babcock, second: Bill Horne.
- 2) Sierra Club Ready for 100: Sharon Huttner has emailed the BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) group about the program to see if this is a topic they would want to adopt. Our committee thought that grass roots activism is not our role.
- 3) We had an active discussion regarding contacting Jim Finch pertaining to the financial support of the town regarding renewables at town buildings. A meeting will be set up with Jim Finch to discuss further.
- 4) We discussed how to determine what town buildings are good candidates for solar. Chris Lenda offered to share various methodologies that could work.
- 5) Discussion followed regarding "Aerial Imaging" of buildings; Chris Lenda said that there are many options and Shirley McCarthy said that the recent SolSmart webinar that Greg Ames emailed us, mentioned Google Roofs.
- 6) Rick Saltz offered a field trip to his campus to view various buildings for ideas.
- 7) The committee took some time to discuss the various financial options available to towns for renewables, such as PPA, bonding, etc. It was determined to follow up with Jim Finch to get his opinion.
- 8) There was a discussion regarding Honeywell's roll now that they are on their way to completing their study; they started about one year ago that may be completed by late summer. Elena, Bob, and Chris will follow up.
- 9) Discussion regarding RFP's for the town building renewables was deferred until meeting with Jim Finch.
- 10) Solar Campaigns were discussed, and everyone felt it should be pushed forward to a later date.
- 11) Bob contacted CCM and got information about towns in CT to see if there are any towns that have "Renewables" in their town building codes. Some towns have special permits for Solar projects and others have incentives for Solar. Additional information will be coming from CCM.
- 12) Greg Ames made a motion to have the committee concentrate on municipal buildings now and hold off on residential and commercial buildings, seconded by Bob Babcock and voted unanimously in favor.
- 13) Bill Horne suggested we have Jim Finch attend an upcoming meeting, all agreed.
- 14) Bill Horne informed us of a state standard regarding carbon emissions further details, "The interim 2030 target of reducing emissions by 45% of 2001 levels was adopted in the omnibus energy bill SB9 during the 2018 legislative session".
- 15) Energy Plan: Greg likes the PACE plan. It was agreed that Greg, Bob, Elena, and Chris will create a plan and discuss further with the committee.
- 16) A brief discussion took place regarding an Energy Manager being utilized in nearby towns, is Honeywell is our Energy Manager?

Respectfully submitted
Bob Babcock