

Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes from 3-25-19

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Location: Canoe Brook Center

Present: S McCarthy, G Ames, C Lenda, R Silten, F Gasparro, W Horne, R. Saltz, Sharon Huttner

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FG called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

1. The minutes of the 2-25-19 meeting were approved.

2. Old Business

- a. 1. Our Name & Mission: Discussed changing the official committee name "Branford Clean Energy Ad-hoc Committee" after a brief discussion a consensus was reached to keep the official name and informally refer to ourselves as the "Branford Energy Sustainability Committee"

2. Mission Statement: A broader mission statement was discussed. B. Horne made a motion to adopt "Promote Branford's Transition to Sustainable Energy" as our mission statement. The motion was seconded by S. McCarthy and adopted by unanimous consent.

B. EV Charging Stations: S. McCarthy & R. Silten discussed the electric vehicle working group efforts to identify programs and incentives to support the electrification of Branford's vehicle fleet and promote EV charging station installation. Several resources were identified including, Mayors for Electric vehicles, Electrify America and Charge Point. EV charging station locations was briefly discussed. The EV sub-committee plans to meet with J. Cosgrove and discuss an agenda for converting Branford's vehicle fleet to EV's.

C. Incorporated above.

d. Skipped

E. Social Media Presence: After a Brief discussion, all agreed to wait until we have more information to post.

f. Solar Compendium: Putting together a list of all solar sites in town. C. Lenda stated this may be difficult to do because of Utility privacy concerns. F. Gasparro suggested it could just be a voluntary list / resource. Issue was tabled for now.

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1. EV charging station location and visibility. Already discussed above.

2. Sustainable Energy/green infrastructure Sub-Committee – did not meet, nothing to report.

h. Economic Development Commission: discussed synergy between our agenda and town businesses. How we can we work with the EDC to promote EV charger installation? Has the committee discussed Renewable Energy initiatives? B. Horn agreed to attend & speak at the upcoming EDC meeting as a member of the Branford Clean Energy Ad-hoc Committee.

i. C. Lenda follow up on energy benchmarking and building energy audits. C. Lenda spoke about contacting Eversource for information about which town buildings have utilized Eversouce energy

infrastructure upgrade programs. Eversource agreed to provide a list going back 4 or 5 years and look into providing access to the Department of Energy municipal building energy benchmarking website.

3. New Business

Status of Net metering. C. Lenda discussed the status of HB-1751 which would delay the end of net metering and extend the Residential Solar Investment Program and commercial Zrec program by a year or more. The bill is recently out of the Energy and Technology Committee and making its way to the house for a vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Lenda