

Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes

1-22-19

**Location:** Lucy Hammer Room, Blackstone Library

**Present:** S McCarthy, G Ames, C Lenda, R Silten, F Gasparro, W Horne, R. Saltz, J Cosgrove

SM called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

The members introduced themselves to each other.

Frank Gasparro was unanimously chosen and agreed to serve as Chair.

5:20 JC joined the meeting – welcomed and thanked the members for agreeing to serve. He then summarized some Branford solar activities. Among these were, the Tabor Tesla installation. He also mentioned that Ecology Park was considered as another site but was deemed unsatisfactory. The adjacent ZuWallick property is an opportunity for solar. JC suggested that the committee set some milestones/targets and keep him informed of these.

BH mentioned that the high school, transfer station and firehouse have solar panels and it would be useful to perform a calculation on how much money the town has saved.

A discussion of the previous legislative session's PURA- and DEEP-sponsored Senate Bill 9, which reversed the net metering issue *vis a vis* solar installation on private homes – a long discussion of pros and cons (mostly the latter) ensued. There is some urgency in getting installations done by August given this bill.

With our 1 hour time limit on the room on the verge of expiring, it was decided that we would meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month – commencing with Mon Jan 28 at 5PM Blackstone: Lucy Hammer room.

Respectfully submitted,



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