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John D. Prins
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON COUNTY

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee meeting of Monday, October 26, 2020

Convened at 5:00 pm

Present: Chair, S. McCarthy; D. Rabin; M. Cox; S. Huttner; B. Horne (departed at 5:30 pm); E. Mahler; B. Babcock; G. Ames; E. Cahill; J. Prins; D. McCarthy-Bercury

Absent: M. Cohen

1. Approval of minutes of August 24, 2020 meeting, moved S Huttner, seconded B Horne and passed
2. Solar Siting Issue
 - a. Pros and cons of using agricultural land; issue of not using current farmland or on good farmland soil or disrupting nature, e.g., forestation
 - b. Promote renewable energy
 - c. Concept of floating solar installation on reservoir introduced as effective option
 - d. Determining limits, limitations; municipal building loads would determine need and coverage. Marshall Cox offered to find a template to serve as a guide.
3. Schools
 - a. J Prins has begun seeking Clean Energy Committee presence on BPS website
 - b. Conversations about bringing the Sustainability Manager and some committee members, presenting to BOE committees and/or full BOE re: budget and curriculum
 - c. Committee discussed attractive Electric School bus grant and educational opportunities.
4. EV Readiness
 - a. S Huttner and E Mahler described participation in electric school bus training module(s)

- b. Considerations include municipal fleet inventory and the appropriateness of replacing which vehicles with EV, zoning, constructing charging infrastructure, permits
 - c. Communities with EVs found it necessary to deal with non-electric vehicles parking in charging designated spaces by ordinance
 - d. Much groundwork continues to be done, needed
5. Annual Report
- a. Due in November
 - b. S McCarthy to circulate for committee input and will poll committee members for best time to meet before posting schedule of meetings
6. Public Comment
- a. C Sires asked committee members to identify themselves by name given that some public participants are not on video display of meeting. Asked about cost considerations, e.g., electric school bus and learned of funding of projects by utility companies and Green Bank and that the Committee's mission is to save the Town money and improve public health by helping the State meet its mandate of decreasing greenhouse gasses.
 - b. W Cooke was unable to comment via ZOOM audio and departed without entering comments in Chat window or calling in by telephone as suggested by meeting host
7. Motion to adjourn, S Huttner, seconded by B Babcock at 5:45 pm