

## **Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes January 23, 2023**

Members present: S. McCarthy, D. Rabin, B. Babcock, E. Mahler, J. Prins, G. Ames, J. Killelea, A. Corry,  
Guest: Tyler Bowne

Members absent: M. Cohen, S Huttner, M Cox, E Cahill, B. Horne

1. S. McCarthy opened the meeting at 4:05 pm
2. Approved minutes from 12/19/22: Rabin/Babcock – *approved unanimously*
3. T. Bowne introduced himself and summarized the Town’s current sustainability initiatives
4. **Schools:** J. Prins: the proposed draft Net Zero program resolution was well received and was approved at the B.P.S mtg of 12/21/22. J. Prins will prepare a press release.
5. **Small Business Energy Efficiency:** B. Babcock: the upcoming Lunch & Learn session is confirmed for 2/24 at LoMonico’s restaurant for up to 50 people at no cost to the CE Committee.
6. **Clean Energy website:** A. Corry: confirmed will further develop and enhance the current Branford Clean Energy .org website. coordinating with T. Bowne.
7. **Heat Smart 2:** D. Rabin: initiative progressing very well with East Haven. Will request letters of support from Selectman Cosgrove and Mayor Carfora.
8. **Branford Forum:** D. Rabin: 2 upcoming presentation slots 2/24 and 3/19. D. Rabin requested 3 or 4 summary slides from initiative-leaders before Feb 4 for potential inclusion in presentations. (Heat Smart, Small Business, EVs, Power Smart, Board of Ed, Net Zero).
9. **EV Chargers:** S. McCarthy: Units have now been installed at the Fire House, Foote Park (not yet operational), Animal Shelter, and Counselling Center. S. Huttner will prepare a press release. Confirmed that Branford has planned to purchase 2 Electric Vehicles every year for the next 5 years.
10. **Earth Day:** S. McCarthy: CE Committee plans to participate at the Branford Green event on 4/15. To potentially include a booth with support material. Will need effective advance marketing.
11. **Power Smart:** S. McCarthy & E. Mahler: a 5-month campaign to be run by SmartPower supported by UI and Eversource to inform and support residents around the installation of solar coupled with battery storage. MOU due to be signed by Selectman Cosgrove.
12. **Leaf-blowers:** A. Corry: New ordinances to limit use of GLBs introduced by Westport and Montclair. CE initiative to re-focus on process for building support with Branford residents and contractors.
13. **Police Station:** G. Ames: the design planning revised to include an analysis of the overall building’s energy needs with the aim of Net Zero. Together with the success of the Animal Shelter, this progress reinforces the need to build a Net Zero culture across all of Branford’s building initiatives.
14. **New Business:** E. Mahler: brought the committee’s attention to 3 notable organizations and initiatives in the solar field: [harvardsolar.org](http://harvardsolar.org), [canarymedia.com](http://canarymedia.com), and [posigen.com](http://posigen.com).
15. Meeting adjourned 5:35 pm: Babcock/Rabin – *approved unanimously*
16. Submitted A. Corry