

Minutes Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2022

Committee members

Present: G. Ames, B. Babcock, M. Cohen, S. Huttner, S. McCarthy, B. Horne, D. Rabin

Absent: E. Cahill, E. Mahler, M. Cox, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, J Prins

Members of the public: Jim Stepanek

- 1) **Called to order** at 4:05 pm – SHuttner moved, BBabcock seconded. Motion carried, unanimous.
- 2) **Minutes from 3.28.22** were accepted unanimously.
- 3) The **Earth Day** celebration on the town green was held April 23, 2022. SMCCarthy said there were lots of tables and next year, more advertising would be done.
- 4) **EV:** SHuttner noted that the police department has received a Kia EV which will be used by the department social worker. She and Earthlight's Stephan Hartmann conducted a town survey to find potential EV charging sites and they need input from town hall to make cost estimates for these sites. She met with the fire chief, who is willing to devote 2 parking spots to EV charging stations. Stephan will call the fire chief to discuss a solar canopy for the station. JPrins will contact First Student re: EV school buses. Amazon has committed to making their parking lot EV station-ready by installing conduits (though no functioning EV stations). Amazon's proposed last-mile facility was approved by Planning & Zoning, though SHuttner will look into adding energy requirements into the regulations.
- 5) **Solar Zoning Regulation:** DRabin described his presentation to the P&Z Commission. SHuttner noted that the commission was well-disposed to the regulations but wanted more information on specifics of the height requirements. DRabin has a meeting planned with Harry Smith and will follow up with P&Z concerns.
- 6) **Business Efficiency:** BBabcock has identified a potential contractor partner (in addition to Earthlight), Artis. The Artis marketing person is very active and has followed up on several leads furnished by us. According to Eversource records, we have recruited ~16 of the required 26 participants (in 2022) required in the Energize CT grant.
- 7) **Municipal Buildings:** GAMES met with JCosgrove to pursue changes suggested in the 2021 DNV scoping study. The position paper that GAMES and BHorne generated is supported by committee members.
- 8) **Blue Earth:** BHorne reported that Branford contributed ~58 tons/y of food waste to the composting/natural gas generating program.
- 9) **Meeting adjourned** at 5:20pm – BBabcock moved. BHorne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.