

# Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 23, 2022

Committee members:

**Present:** G. Ames, B. Babcock, M. Cohen, S. Huttner, J. Prins, S. McCarthy, D. Rabin

**Absent:** E. Cahill, B. Horne, E. Mahler, M. Cox, D. McCarthy-Bercury

Members of the public: Bob Barnett

- 1) S. Huttner reported that the P&Z Commission approved the solar regulations proposal.
- 2) Due to a change in company policy, Amazon has decided not to go forward with their last mile facilities in Branford and other towns. Bob Barnett would like the Town to consider energy development standards for developers. S. McCarthy and G. Ames will pursue this with Jamie Cosgrove and Peter Henschel respectively.
- 3) B. Babcock and D. Rabin reported that the Business Energy Initiative, working with Eversource and their vendors is on pace to meet goals. They expressed special gratitude for the help provided by Economic Development Coordinator Perry Maresca. Reminder that the Stony Creek Brewery program is 6/6/22 at 5pm. Members were asked to encourage business owners to attend.
- 4) J. Prins reported that the schools will support attendance by three students at a student advocacy training program in Washington. S. Huttner will propose a candidate.
- 5) G. Ames re: Buildings reported that the animal shelter project will be completed this summer and will be net zero ready. On site solar with batteries is the preferred approach. Earthlight was suggested as a potential resource.  
  
J. Cosgrove will be pursuing the recommended energy goals with the Police Services Building architect.  
  
The town is advancing the DNV Scoping Study recommendations. It was agreed that we need to get on with more intensive projects focusing on individual buildings in order to have maximum impact and receive maximum incentives.
- 6) S. McCarthy reported that Verogy has presented an agreement where Branford can receive virtual net metering credits.
- 7) D. Rabin said a solar canopy at the Community Building did not prove to be financially advantageous. It will be more likely to be appropriate for inclusion in the Police Services alteration project. S. Huttner will follow up on the fire chief's interest as an equipment shelter at the firehouse. Earthlight is the primary resource for pursuing canopies at each of these sites. They do need interval metering data to optimize the economics of the canopies.
- 8) B. Babcock moved adjournment, J. Prins seconded, vote in favor was unanimous