

Branford Ad Hoc Clean Energy Committee Minutes 10/24/22 @ 4pm at Police Station

Members present: S. McCarthy, S Huttner, B. Babcock, G. Ames, M. Cohen, J. Prins; A. Corry,

Members absent: D. Rabin, J. Killelea, B. Horne, E. Mahler, M. Cox, E. Cahill. Guest: Kevin Komara

1. Approved minutes from 9/26/22: Prins/Huttner – *approved unanimously*
2. New members: Jim Killelea, Adrian Corry.
3. CTEnergy Network meeting – *D. Rabin, E. Mahler and S. McCarthy attended. Bob wall has a new battery program, PowerSmart, that E. Mahler will lead. J. Cosgrove approved. More details From E. Mahler next meeting.*
4. BBabcock: business energy efficiency - Mosaic [media company] to follow up after initial weak start with a “Lunch & Learn” gathering at Café Fiore at no cost to CE Committee.
5. SHuttner: EVs, EV chargers: Contractor starting work to install charging stations at Branford Fire House, Animal Shelter, Counseling Center, and at a later date, possibly Foote Park. Branford High School food service is seeking a charging station for the program’s electric van.
6. JPrins: EV School buses: Branford Public Schools (BPS) is committing to looking at zero emission vehicles when negotiating successor contract to current arrangement.
7. MCohen : HeatSmart - Explained Heat Smart program for new members. Committee discussed seeking testimonials to aid in promoting goals of the Committee/Town.
8. GAmes: Buildings – Presented information on attractive incentives available in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).
9. BBabcock: Schools: no action taken on speaking with BOE on BPS participation in town-wide Net Zero initiatives.
10. CFC Award to Robert Smith/MetroStar – Awarded by Forest Commission for landscaping with natives but noted renewable energy use, high energy rating and EV cabling. CE committee decided to do a CE committee award to businesses for committing to and using renewables/climate mitigation.
11. New Business – *McCarthy noted that the Finance Committee and BOS had approved the Verogy agreement for virtual solar on 8-10 town buildings.*
12. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm: Babcock/Ames – *approved unanimously*