

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes 11/28/22

Attending: J Prins, A Corry, B Horne, S McCarthy, S Huttner, M Cohen, B Babcock, G Ames, D Rabin

Absent: M Cox, E Cahill, J Killelea, E Mahler, D McCarthy-Bercury

1. S. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:00.
2. Approve minutes from 10/24/22 Bob moved, John seconded, majority approved.
3. Schools: BBabcock, GAMES, JPrins: BBabcock reported a very positive reception at the latest school board meeting regarding GAMES proposal for Net Zero Town Buildings. Jamie Cosgrove and Jim Finch attended and strongly supported the approach. JPrins is seeking a green policy statement that can serve as a starting point for Branford's, and suggestions were offered: PACE, Green Bank, Rocky Mountain Institute (BHorne will investigate). GAMES noted that RMI documents were incorporated into the Energy Plan, and his Net Zero Policy document (draft).
4. Buildings: GAMES reported that 3 presentations of the Net Zero Buildings proposal have been made: Finance Committee, School Board, and the Public Building Commission (PBC), all of which responded positively. The PBC is actively involved in the police station renovation. GAMES is participating in the hiring of a construction manager for the police department project. MCohen asked whether a life cycle analysis is being done for the cost of energy efficient improvements and GAMES said that is one responsibility of the energy modeler.
5. EV charging stations: SHuttner gave an update on the installation of EV chargers at Foote Park, the main fire house, and the animal shelter. There is a delay in the invoicing/payment pathway. SMcCarthy will speak with Gary Zielinski to get more details about trenching.
6. PowerSmart: EMahler (absent)- SMcCarthy noted a decision about what towns can participate will be made in January.
7. Small Business Energy Efficiency: BBabcock, DRabin Bob reported that Branford has achieved 20 paid cases and 45 scheduled inspections. We expect to exceed our goal of 26 by the end of the year. Dan said that Eversource has suggested we invoice them for the remainder of our grant payments. SMcCarthy will follow-up with DMcCarthy-Bercury. BHorne will arrange a meeting with Alex Vigliotti regarding energy efficiency at his rental properties.
8. HeatSmart2: DRabin, MCohen: Dan described his recruitment of the Branford Food Pantry and Branford Social Services to distribute HeatSmart flyers to income eligible residents. East Haven Social Services is also on board (East Haven Town Hall is also happy to participate). Dan will draft publicity materials and coordinate application of an HES-IE application for the joint program with East Haven.
9. Sustainability Committee/application: SHuttner reported that the application process is very detailed and difficult. She intends to meet with Guilford, which filed a successful application.
10. Meeting times/location 2023: SMcCarthy: Attendees agreed to hold the CEC meeting on the 4th Monday of each month at 4:00 in the Police Department conference room.
11. At 5:30 BBabcock moved to adjourn the meeting; MCohen seconded the motion and a majority voted to approve the motion.