

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Special meeting 12/13 @ 4 at Community Room Police Station.

Members present: Greg Ames, Bob Babcock, Sharon Huttner, Eunice Mahler, Shirley McCarthy, Dan Rabin.  
Absent: Bill Horne, John Prins, Elena Cahill, Marshall Cox

1. Eunice Mahler reported that the Solar For All Information sessions were very successful. This may result in doubling or tripling the amount of Posigen solar installations in our town. Eunice will have information at the Harbor Lights **luminary** event at Harbor Street on December 18. A webinar is being planned for December 20 to inform Branford residents who wanted to attend but were away.
2. Dan Rabin reported on the progress of several Solar Canopies. One is at the Community House. Dan is waiting for the electric bills to be sent so they can determine the feasibility of this project. Another is on the property surrounding the Parthenon diner. The owner would like to build an apartment building on that property which will increase the parking lot there. Dan has also contacted owners of sites with the largest parking lots in Branford and is waiting to hear back from them. Hospice parking lot was suggested. Bob Babcock reported that this is a complicated project.
3. Bob Babcock reported about progress with the Eversource/Small Business Initiative. He and Dan had a productive meeting with the Eversource Liaison, Devan Willemsen. She turned over the Branford information to the appropriate department within Eversource. Bob will follow up to see how that is progressing. Another meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16.
4. Greg Ames reported that an upcoming meeting on December 18 will be with Amazon to discuss various energy savings building concepts including use of solar, net zero building, electric vehicles, WISE-USE incentives from Eversource. Greg also reported that the Animal Shelter will be net zero ready upon completion. The energy efficiencies that cost \$2-3,000 a year will probably save \$10,000 in energy costs. The incentives provided by Eversource cut the cost of energy efficiencies by approximately 40%. He also reported that an Energy Plan has been proposed for energy efficiencies for the Police Department alteration project. The Police Department is a good candidate for a solar canopy. Dan reminded us that all businesses contemplating renovation should consult the WISE-USE program.
5. Sharon Huttner reported about her first meeting as an Alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The new development going up at 12 Summit Place off of West Main St. will include 9 parking spaces with charging stations for Electric Vehicles.