

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes 11/23/20

Members present: S. Huttner, B. Babcock, S. McCarthy, E. Mahler, J. Prins, D. Rabin, G. Ames, D. McCarthy-Bercury, E. Cahill

Absent: M. Cox, J. Gordon, B. Horne

1. The minutes of 10/26/20 were approved.
2. Welcome by Shirley McCarthy to the new committee members: Joe Gordon and Eunice Mahler.
3. Michael Cohen gave an update on the HeatSmart campaign. There have been 204 Branford residents who have requested additional information about the program. There was discussion about ideas to keep up the interest in the HeatSmart campaign.
4. Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Branford's Sustainability Manager, presented updates on some the Town's current projects. She spoke about the Veteran's park and the High School's lighting upgrade projects, the upgrade of the Transfer Stations microinverters on the PV solar panels, the grant to Blackstone Library for developing water conservation education materials, and the benchmarking by UConn of the Town and Board of Education's buildings for their energy usage.
5. Sharon Huttner updated the group regarding the various Town employees she has been contacting about the adoption of electric vehicles. Sharon leads Branford's group in attending Live Green's Municipal EV Readiness Toolkit Modules.
6. There was a discussion about the possibility of a well designed specific nomination and review process with the goal of annually awarding a Branford business an "Energy Efficiency or Sustainability award.
7. There was no new business.
8. Public Comment: Several members of the public asked questions about Electric Vehicle battery sustainability, solar projects, and the Town's projects.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

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