

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes 1/13/20

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Present: Greg Ames, Sharon Huttner, Bill Horne, Shirley McCarthy, Bob Babcock

Absent: Marshall Cox, Elena Cahill

Guests: Michael Cohen, Lana Bluege

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Shirley McCarthy at 6:00. Approval of minutes of the 11/25, 12/19 and 1/7 were moved and seconded by Sharon Huttner and Bob Babcock and approved without dissent by the committee.
2. Chair McCarthy reported that the Town is investigating participation in the Connecticut Greenbank Solar Assistance program which might result in installation of photovoltaic systems at Town buildings at no cost to the Town that would make renewable energy available to the Town available at a significant savings.
3. Chair McCarthy reported that First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove is scheduling a meeting with the Honeywell Corp. to brief the committee on the energy performance contract completed in 2018.
4. A HeatSmart training meeting is scheduled for 1/23 at 6:00 at the Community House. Committee members are encouraged to attend since Mark Scully, Bernie Pelletier, their technical consultant from PACE and Jamie Cosgrove will be there for the first part of the meeting to discuss parameters of the grant, eg 1 vendor versus several.
5. Bill Horne reported that the Living Wisely program in February will include a panel discussion by the Clean Energy Committee on 2/19. The presentation will be discussed at our 2/10 meeting or a special meeting.
6. Bill Horne described the Blue Earth food waste composting program at the Branford High school and other recycling programs.
7. Guest Lana Bluege reported on the importance of recycling and her desire to organize an Earth Day education program on the Town Green. The committee affirmed its support and offered assistance. Shirley McCarthy will be introducing her to a key contact: Dan Fitzgerald from the Conservation and the Forest Commissions.
8. New business: Greg Ames requested a committee work session to advance the Branford Energy Plan. Our 1/27 meeting agenda will be devoted to that effort. Greg will distribute copies of the draft plan and a list of issues that need resolution for committee members use in preparing for the meeting.
9. Sharon Huttner moved adjournment which was seconded by Bob Babcock and voted by the committee at 6:10