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Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes 12/9/19

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

Absent: Marshall Cox

Guests: Michael Cohen, Donna Laich, Bryan Laich

1. HeatSmart grant: Michael Cohen, who is the HeatSmart coach, explained the program to our guests and reported on its progress. Jamie Cosgrove will review the paperwork for the contract and meet with Michael Cohen this week to finalize the plans, get them signed and send to PACE. Shirley McCarthy describes the town's plan to use some of the HeatSmart grant to hold public education meetings for the town. These meetings will cover the topics of Home Energy Audits, Air Heat pumps, Solar, and Electric Vehicles.
2. Honeywell: Jamie Cosgrove plans to schedule a meeting. Date to be announced. The data is essential for the energy plan.
3. Energy Plan: Greg Ames shared a Town of Branford Energy Plan rough draft and asked members of the committee to review it and send him any comment. Greg also described Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and suggested that Branford send a supporting letter to Governor Lamont. Sharon Huttner will contact Christine Cohen, chair of the Connecticut Legislative Environmental committee to discover if there has been any discussion about passing enabling legislation that would allow towns to organize a CCA. Bill Horne made a motion to work on writing a resolution supporting CCA and Bob Babcock second it. The committee passed the motion unanimously.
4. Bill Horne described the Living Wisely and Well lecture series at Trinity Church which will be held in February 2020. On Feb. 5, the movie Paris to Pittsburgh will be shown. Feb. 12 will feature a lecture by a University of New Haven Chemical Engineering professor who is an expert on alternative technologies. Feb. 19 will feature a panel discussion. Bill Horne asked the committee if we would be willing to provide this panel discussion informing everyone about what Branford is doing about renewable energy and what individual residents can do to incorporate renewable energy, e.g. the HeatSmart program. The committee voted unanimously to support Bill Horne's request. Details to be discussed at our next meeting.
5. Greenbank Solar Municipal Assistance Program – Elena Cahill explained the difference between net metering and virtual net metering. A program for help in financing solar (rooftop, ground mount or carport) where we would have direct net metering available to municipality is available through the Green Bank. Information provided by Jim Finch on the town building's meters has been sent to the Green Bank to expedite our first meeting with them: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 9 AM in Jamie Cosgrove's office. Elena Cahill requested the slide presentation for review prior to the January 7th meeting.

6. Verogy: Elena Cahill and Shirley McCarthy will meet with Bryan Fitzgerald, Jamie Cosgrove and Jim Finch on Wednesday, December 11 to finalize this plan.
7. Electric Vehicle bid for 1st EV for Town of Branford: no new EV yet.
8. Upcoming meeting with Superintendent, re: schools moving to renewables, is on Friday 12/13. The 12/16 CE meeting was cancelled. Our next meeting is 1/13/2020.
9. Motion to adjourn: 6:15pm by Bob Babcock, 2nd by Bill Horne.