

## Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes for 2/10/20 Meeting

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

Guests: Michael Cohen, Donna Laich

1. Approval of the minutes of 1/27/20 was moved by Elena Cahill, seconded by Sharon Huttner, approved unanimously.

2. HeatSmart: Michael Cohen

Michael Cohen reported that he has talked to the First Selectman about moving ahead on what is needed in order to submit the HeatSmart proposal to People's Action for Clean Energy, specifically, finalizing the memorandum of understanding with PACE and the statement of the Town's commitment to the HeatSmart effort.

3. Living Wisely & Well presentation on February 19: B Horne

The committee discussed how to promote good attendance and how the presentation will be organized. It was agreed that presenters will get their slides to Michael to incorporate into a single PowerPoint file and to run through the presentation together a few days prior to the event.

4. Members reported on conferences and workshops that they had attended:

Greg Ames attended a Jan. 29 workshop about Zero Energy Schools which involved presentations by architects who are designing zero-energy schools.

Shirley McCarthy attended a NetZero Energy Schools workshop on Feb. 1 She reported that Fairfield has 50 EV charging stations.

Michael Cohen and Sharon Huttner attended a Feb 4 workshop on the Energize CT roll out. It was mostly focused on commercial programs. Eversource has energy planners, who will review plans for improving energy efficiency and help identify incentive programs that are available. Elena Cahill reported that 263 Branford businesses have used the Small Business Advantage program since 2006. She discussed how companies can interface with Eversource. Information about these programs should be transmitted to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and the EDC asked to spread the word to Branford businesses.

Shirley McCarthy and Sharon Huttner attended a Feb 6 workshop at the South Central Regional Council of Governments on transitioning municipal fleets to electric vehicles. Shirley has emailed links to the presenters' slides, etc to the committee members. Shirley reported that there are funds available to support this effort that will be discussed at a 3/5 meeting at CT DEEP. The workshop organizer said that municipalities should come with proposals, especially with proposals that involve regionalization.

5. Greg Ames and Elena Cahill reported on a meeting with the First Selectman and representatives from Honeywell to learn about the data on improvements of the energy efficiency of Town buildings resulting from the Honeywell Project improvements. They were disappointed by the relative lack of real data about what had been done and how the work improved energy efficiency. Greg said that the presentation suggested that the Town had achieved about a 25% reduction in energy use by installing more efficient boilers, roof units, etc. (Maintenance to increase efficiency, not increased renewable energy systems.) The committee would like to see the data expressed in terms of BTUs, kWh, etc, not money saved based on calculations involving assumptions about increasing energy costs. It was agreed that the committee needs to brief the First Selectman on what information the Town should be getting. A detailed report is expected in about a month and the committee plans to dig into it and find out what isn't already being done so that the Town can start working on those improvements.
6. Greg Ames distributed drafts of the energy plan with the most recent additions. The committee discussed items where more information is needed and identified possible sources of that information.
7. There was no New Business.

At 6:13 pm, Bill Horne moved to adjourn, Marshall Cox seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.