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Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes 7/27/20

Members Present: Greg Ames, Bob Babcock, Bill Horne on Zoom, Sharon Huttner, Shirley McCarthy, John Prins, Dan Rabin

Guests: Eunice Mahler via phone hookup, Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Wayne Cooke on Zoom, Alex Palluzzi

John Prins approved minutes from the last meeting, 6/8/20.  
Bob Babcock seconded the approval.

Shirley McCarthy welcomed Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Branford's new Sustainability manager, to the committee. Alex Palluzzi reported that Diana has already saved the town money in a new lighting plan for some town sites.

**Energy Plan-** Greg Ames reported that the Energy Plan has been improved via Diana's input and is now complete. A motion to approve the plan was made by Sharon Huttner and seconded Bob Babcock. It was passed unanimously.

It is ready to be sent to Jamie Cosgrove and the Board of Selectmen. It will be made available to the public for comments.

**Green Bank-**Shirley McCarthy reported that the Green Bank has submitted ZRECs for several of the schools and the Community House carport; the latter will only be pursued if a good PPA is obtained.

**Residential Solar outreach-** Dan Rabin reported that the HeatSmart and Solar informational flyers are ready to be distributed to Branford residents. He has contacted several community partners to help with this including the Blackstone Library. Other opportunities for publicity include a press release, when appropriate, adding it to the town website, cooperating with the water company's next mailing, Facebook ad, the Branford Rotary, neighborhood associations, the Girls Scouts and public school students (John Prins has school contacts for the latter).

**HeatSmart campaign –** Mark Scully is still waiting for PACE to obtain both **General Liability and Professional Liability coverage**. Dan Rabin recommended that we increase our goal to 500 HES audits which would bring Branford up to the level of rest of the state.

**Electric School Buses-** Sharon Huttner reported that Daphne Dixon of Live Green will be setting up a meeting with First Student, herself and John Prins. Another online series of sessions, Grant Bootcamp, will be starting this Thursday 7/30/20.

Mission Statement/Logo- Shirley McCarthy will send copies to the Energy Committee members for comment.

Animal Shelter- Greg Ames reported that he and Bill Horne will be attending the Public Buildings Commission meetings to recommend appropriate energy efficiencies for this new building.

Bob Babcock moved that we adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shirley McCarthy. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Huttner