

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee

Special Meeting Minutes 9/10/19

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Present: Greg Ames, Bob Babcock, Elena Cahill, Marshall Cox, Shirley McCarthy, Rick Saltz

Absent: Bill Horne, Sharon Huttner, Chris Lenda

Guest: David Schneider

1. Verogy: all agreed that Bryan Fitzgerald's presentation was good, interesting and that we should get in the Q if net metering is being allocated and let Tesla know. He will follow up with answers to our questions.
2. HeatSmart: all agreed that the program is attractive and the public should be educated about air heat pumps. Eversource has a program and is sharing information/working with PACE. HeatSmart is a more comprehensive approach. A follow up meeting with Jamie Cosgrove will ensue. Cathy Lezon along with an engineer is invited to an upcoming meeting. Eversource has decided that it will not support the further development of natural gas transmission.
3. Press release: all agreed that it is final and can be passed along to Jamie Cosgrove for final review. A photo shoot of the committee with Jamie Cosgrove on Town Hall steps will be scheduled.
Besides the Tabor solar farm, the press release could include projects underway. Bob Babcock thought that we should talk to our State representatives/senators about greening the building codes in the new push by Governor Lamont to move to a zero-carbon electric grid by 2040. Others thought to start locally.
Elena Cahill cited several useful websites for funding, etc, one being called DSIRE (Database for State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency). She will email them to Shirley McCarthy who will forward to entire committee. Shirley McCarthy mentioned that several of our goals can and should be accomplished via other committees that can be created via the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development), specifically a coastal vulnerability committee (underway) and a transportation committee.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 motion Bob Babcock, second Greg Ames.