

Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes 9/23/19

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

Absent: Bob Babcock, Chris Lenda, Rick Saltz

Guests: David Schneider

1. Sharon Huttner made motion to approve previous minutes.  
Marshall Cox 2<sup>nd</sup> it and approved.
2. HeatSmart: Said they could use utility contractors that were well vetted.  
Next step is our 10/15 meeting with Cathy Lezon and Mark Foley to discuss Eversource's view of pros / cons of heat pumps. Jamie Cosgrove will attend and would like to have the initial community meeting be on Energy Efficiency.
3. Verogy: Elena Cahill had a good conversation with Brian Fitzgerald.  
Next step is for Brian to send to us what he sent to the town (not received yet).  
Verogy would do project on planned purchase agreements. Question is: has the town evaluated the high-use sites for behind the meter solar? Is wind part of this equation?  
Bill Horne and Elena Cahill and probably Shirley McCarthy to follow up with Jim Finch & Jamie Cosgrove on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. Building Codes: Shirley spoke with Robin Comey and Christine Cohen: State codes updating.  
Sharon Huttner is going to communicate with the Sierra Club to get their thoughts.
5. Energy Plan: Greg Ames shared a plan from Mark Scully that Simsbury just did.  
Next step is to convert this over to a useable plan by Branford.  
Bill Horne mentioned that we need to get the data from existing clean energy installs in Branford.
6. New Business:  
Iryna Solomko approached Shirley McCarthy about doing a documentary on renewable energy and the schools, particularly the students exposure to climate change issues.  
Shirley McCarthy discussed it with Jim Finch and Jamie Cosgrove. Committee is to think about ways that this documentary could be put together.

EVs for the police force: need to identify the right person to talk to the police about this.  
Sharon Huttner will contact a guy in Greenwich and Bill thought Selectman candidate Ray Dunbar would be helpful.

Thoughts also shared on requesting the town to hire an energy manager - easier to adapt an open position to include this, rather than create a new one.

7. Motion to adjourn: 6:13pm by Bill Horne and 2nd by Greg Ames.