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Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes 8/28/2

Present: S. McCarthy, T. Bowne, J. Prins, M. Cohen, D. Laich, B. Babcock, G. Ames, E. Mahler

Guest: Dr. Kathleen White, Guilford resident

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John Prins
BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

S. McCarthy called meeting to order. The Minutes of 5/22/2023 and 7/24/2023 were approved.

E. Mahler:

A presentation on the PowerSmartBranford program was given to the Stony Creek Association. The focus was on the Grid Edge Maps and the extra up-front battery incentives.

CT Greenbank's Manager of BESS, Energy Storage Solutions, Ed Kranich has advised that after PURA's review in November 2023, there may be some changes to the Energy Storage Solutions program in the future. In addition, PowerSmart is planning a multi town-zoom battery incentives webinar this fall for PowerSmart towns' residents. Pam Johnson, The Sound, wrote an article on Grid Edge and how Branford residents and businesses can check if they are on a Grid Edge circuit and are eligible for additional upfront battery incentives.

B. Babcock:

The Energize Connecticut Community Partnership Initiative has been funded for the East Haven program.

T. Bowne:

Several proposals are in the development phase to provide more solar energy to municipal buildings.

The Flo EV charger in Foote park is now commissioned and working. This brings the total of EV charger ports installed by the town to 8 charging ports in 4 locations: Animal Shelter, Firehouse, Counseling Center and Foote park.

M. Cohen:

Small onshore wind turbines do not seem financially viable; the price of steel has increased.

S. McCarthy:

There will be a sub group of BCE working to identify which parts of the Inflation Reduction Act might help Branford and its residents.

New Business:

Luke Miles and Matt Corona from Energize CT will present Air Source Heat Pumps at the next meeting.

John Prins noted that Murphy School's Solar installation is complete. Next step will be commissioning the solar system. Tisco School's solar PV system installation is almost completed. As Branford High School looks at a new roof in the future, the inclusion of a Solar PV system should be considered.

B. Babcock made the motion to adjourn, M. Cohen seconded the motion to adjourn.