Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes 9/25 23 @ 4pm Police Station Attending: D Laich, R Babcock, G Ames, V Chiocchio, T Bowne, S McCarthy, L Miles, D Rabin

Minutes: D Rabin Call to order 4:05

- 1. Approve minutes of 8/28/23 Bob Babcock moved, Greg Ames seconded, majority vote approved
- 2. Luke Miles and Matt Corona: Branford Heat Pump 101 Luke Miles (EnergizeCT) provided an intro to heat pumps, design considerations, incentives, and no-cost EnergizeCT advice (https://energizect.com/clean-energy/heat-pump-consultations).
- 3. DRabin: Community Partnership update
 - EH
- o MOU complete
- o Training to be scheduled
- o Flyers, letter from town hall, press release sent to UI for legal review
- Quote for Spanish translation of letter has been requested
- o Business letters from town hall and chamber of commerce in review by EH
- Branford
 - o No decision yet
 - o Limited EnergizeCT funds, they are searching for more
- 4. DRabin: Branford IRA Focus Group
 - Brainstorm held on line 9.20.23
 - Sharon arranged upcoming meeting with Kirt Mayland (CIRCA)
 - Potential collaboration on regional HeatSmart—meeting in planning
 - Project grid will be circulated with these minutes
- New Business
 - Shirley attended a recent energy task force meeting at SCRCOG and reported that
 Branford is perceived as a leader in municipal efforts for clean energy
 - SCRCOG supports establishing clean energy committees in individual towns
 - A suggestion was offered to include student representatives to the CEC, perhaps by contacting the BHS environmental club or setting up a BHS climate club
 - Shirley reported on the last P&Z public hearing for the 6.3 regulation revisions, as well as opposition from the EDC Chair in protecting/replacing trees
 - Shirley encouraged all to support the PowerSmart campaign by offering noobligation sign-up to friends and neighbors to learn about batteries with/without solar

At 5:20 Bob moved to adjourn the meeting, Donna seconded the motion and Shirley adjourned the meeting after a positive voice vote.

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