

Branford Clean Energy Ad hoc Committee Minutes 9/16/24 @4pm Police Station

Present: GAmes, DRabin, SHuttner, DLaich, TBowne, SMCCarthy

Absent: BBabcock, JPrins, MCohen, EMahler, VChiocchio, JKillelea

1. Approve minutes from 8/19/24

- a. D. Rabin moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by G. Ames. The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. S. Huttner: EVs; EV conference:

- a. Sharon summarized the two-day CT EV event at the Hotel Marcel. Many varieties of EVs were available for test driving, and the day was a big hit.
- b. The second day was more of a symposium with several speakers (and lunch provided by Marcel Hotel). Sharon enjoyed being a member of the panel.
- c. The CT incentives for installing EV chargers in your home are still available.

3. G. Ames: Buildings:

- a. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow regarding the Animal Shelter to discuss energy use. Once it is decreased and stable, they will pursue solar options.
- b. Greg and the 1st Selectman discussed pursuing net 0 for the new firehouse.
- c. We should object to using gas in new buildings and we should work to remove it from existing buildings since gas is a fossil fuel.
- d. There is a need for a new chairman and new member of the Public Building Commission with the passing of Peter Banca.

4. D. Rabin: school curriculum meeting:

- a. A meeting with curriculum representatives from the schools went very well. They are interested in projects that students could get involved with; suggestions welcome.

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5. D. Rabin: Energy efficiency/HeatSmart:

- a. Tomorrow's meeting is canceled.
- b. Heat Smart met their goal - 35 accomplished and scheduled in Branford and East Haven completed 137. The East Haven program started earlier than the Branford program.

6. T. Bowne: solar updates:

- a. Tyler is talking to Tesla and the Green Bank about the town planting pollinator gardens under and around the solar panels at Tabor and Ecology Park.
- b. Ecology Park Solar is submitted and they are waiting for a response.

7. S. McCarthy: Schedule for Fall and 2025; Living Wisely & Well October

- a. We voted to change the dates of our meetings to the 2nd or 4th Monday of each month (if the Community House is available).
- b. Living Wisely & Well has a great October schedule. Our committee is on the 16th. Shirley encouraged everyone to get the word out to residents. Greg will lead on sustainable buildings; Tyler will moderate that session.

8. New Business:

Sharon moved to adjourn - 2nd by Greg. Meeting adjourned @4:56

Living Wisely and Well on Planet Earth



**Presents its 2024 Fall Series:
Buildings for a Sustainable Future**

October 9

**Cool Architecture for Everyone: Helping Vulnerable
Communities Face Climate Change**
Architect Celia Toche, - AIA, NOMA LEEDAP

October 16

Building a Sustainable Future for Branford
*Architect Greg Ames – Blaize Levitan, C.O.O. Branford Schools
and Bill Colonis of CT Green Bank*
Organized by Branford's Clean Energy Committee

October 23

Living in the World's Most Sustainable Structure
*Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School
on its groundbreaking "Living Village"*

Wednesdays - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

In person: Trinity Church on the Branford Green

Livestreamed: Link at www.livingwiselyandwell.org

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