

Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes 6/9/2025

Present: S. McCarthy, G. Ames, T. Bowne, V. Chiocchio, D. Laich, S. Huttner, R. Barnett

Absent: B. Babcock, M. Cohen, E. Mahler, J. Prins, D. Rabin, J. Killelea

1. Approved minutes of 4/14/2025: D. Laich motioned, G. Ames 2nd. Approved minutes of 5/20/2025: S. Huttner motioned, G. Ames 2nd.

2. S. Huttner reported on Solar. There will be an informational meeting in the fall - the goal is to get information out to as many residents as possible and to remind them that incentives end in December. The most successful way to spread the word is when solar owners host neighborhood gatherings. R. Barnett will explore a contact in Pine Orchard who might be willing to host.

3. G. Ames - Police Dept. building process is ongoing. T. Bowne - ESG completed a walk-through of the animal shelter and other town buildings to suggest ideas for improved energy efficiency. They will work with Affinity Lighting (from New Hampshire) to develop a plan. T. Bowne is inviting G. Ames and V. Chiocchio to this Wednesday's meeting. Discussion regarding the hiring of architects for town projects. We suggest PBC needs to be more involved in the process.

We had a brief discussion regarding embodied carbon in empty town buildings. Sliney school will be left empty in four years. R. Barnett stated the importance of formulating ideas for its use earlier rather than later.

4. S. McCarthy mentioned the upcoming Branford Festival (6/13 - 6/15) - we did not commit to hosting a table (many of us may want to participate in the protests on the 14th). She also shared the PACE invite to "Refresh&Recharge 2025" to be held 7/19/2025 from 1-4 in Hartford and an event named "Solar Sunday" sponsored by Bill McKibbin of 350.org to be held 9/21/2025 that Marge&David Schneider would like help with. S. Huttner thought that the solar tour or house demonstration could overlap with the residential program.

5. S. Huttner motioned for adjournment @ 4:52, 2nd by V. Chiocchio

Submitted by D. Laich
6/10/2025

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