

*THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
COMMISSION*

Sustainable Energy Commission held a regular meeting Thursday, December 20, 2018 in shared meeting room 3 of the Municipal Center located at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

Chairman Kathy Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present: Kathy Quinn, Allen Adriani, Mark Sievel, Tom Snyad, Vanessa Villamil (7:32)

Absent: Jeff Jorgenson, Graham Clifford, George Brown, David Stout,

Also Present: Fred Hurley and Chuck Litty

Communications – None

Public Comments - None

Minutes – M. Sievel moved to approve the minutes from the 10/18/18 meeting. T. Snyad seconded, motion unanimously approved.

BUSINESS

Committee membership and accession plan – There will be 2 vacancies on the commission that need to be filled.

2019 Meeting Schedule – A. Adriani moved to approve the 2019 meeting schedule (Attachment A). T. Snyad seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Apex solar proposal and solarize program recommendation – K. Quinn asked for a written explanation of what they want to accomplish but has not heard back. They can offer discounts if they want to, they do not need the endorsement from this group.

New Project – Sandy Hook School Solar/fire houses: They are installed and working and they are doing the final commissioning work for the greenback. F. Hurley will follow up with G. Faeilla regarding the sign off for Sandy Hook School.

Nunnawauk Meadows-solar: No update

ZREC for Community Center: No update

Possible ZREC for Stratford Hall: No update

Energy Savings program:

Riverside Road Senior Center – Complete.

Library – F. Hurley has the proposal. It is a comprehensive project because they have the boilers on it. They are going to replace them but are they going to do it like Middlegate school was done. How it will be funded needs to be determined as well.

Edmond Town Hall – Energy Solutions did go into ETH. Last thing they heard is they are entertaining a proposal.

New Construction Projects - Community Center – A. Adriani attended the Public Building and Site meeting and found the roofs can take the solar panel loads.

Police Department – Public Building and site has it and there is also an adhoc group. F. Hurley was invited to the adhoc meeting at the site. Also in attendance was the HVAC and landscape designers. They will take the foot print of the building and map what is 24/7 and what is not. This will determine the type of units and ease repair and maintenance. They are evaluating the existing materials to see what can be reused. We can change the solar credits from the old Police Department to new if they don't do solar panels.

General plan for schools: A. Adriani and M. Seivel have been doing a lot of work on Sandy Hook School. The High School uses the most energy and Sandy Hook School is the seconded largest user. They did a walk through the building and found the kitchen exhaust fans on and some of the set points don't make sense. They have a 1 degree dead band. Actual usage is much more than projected.

Dashboard for web site (API keys): – No update

Sustainable CT: K. Quinn sent a letter off to the First Selectman explaining why they think this commission should not over see it but rather a contributor.

Develop plan to reduce electric demand charge on town buildings: No update

VNM solar project – Voluntown 2NW: We do have confirmation that we were awarded the Virtual Net Metering they just need to build the system and get it up and running by the summer.

Batchelder site potential for solar/community solar project: No update

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Municipal Energy Plan: No update

Energy Star Portfolio Manager: There is an issue with Reed School information being updated in the portfolio manager.

Website: No update

Organic Recycling: V. Villamil reported that they had a meeting with the school and it was a positive one. They need to get logistics figured out and agreed to get all 4 elementary schools on board.

Fracking Waste Ban: It was unanimous vote from the Ordinance Committee.

Plastic Bag Reduction resolution sent to Ordinance Committee – The business round table has been talking about it and there is some push back. It is uncertain if it will move forward. They are also going to each restaurant in town and asking them not to give out straws unless they are asked for them. Restaurants seem to be receptive.

Next meeting is January 17, 2019.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk

Attachment A

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
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2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, in Shared Meeting Room #3, and begin at 7:00pm.

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 19

January 16, 2020