

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – via teleconference

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Called to order at 7:00pm

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

**Present via teleconference:** Kathy Quinn, Allen Adriani, Zach Marchetti, Erik Weiss, Mark Sievel, David Stout, George Brown, Tom Snayd

**Also Present via teleconference:** Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, BOE Director of Facilities Robert Gerbert, Chuck Litty and 2 members of the public

**Communications** – Vanessa Villamil will not be continuing her seat with the Sustainable Energy

**Public Comments** –None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – M. Sievel moved to approve the minutes of the 6/18/20 meeting. E. Weiss seconded, motion unanimously approved.

**C-Power Proposal** – No update

**Update on schools regarding energy saving measures, indoor air quality issues, recycling** – A. Adriani, M. Sievel and F. Hurley toured the High School with B. Gerbert. There is a chiller on the roof that isn't working efficiently. If they upgrade it, it could save 28.5% energy. B. Gerbert will be putting that in the CIP. They are also interested in upgrading the units for the pool to recover that heat instead of using the boilers. There will be collaboration for the projects that need to go into the CIP.

B. Gerbert reported that they have installed new filters in the HVAC system. He has been doing a lot of research but there isn't a magic solution for COVID so he is cautious about spending a lot of money if it isn't proven. They are required to do a 2 hour pre occupancy and a 1 hour post occupancy air flush of all the buildings. E. Weiss offered assistance to B. Gerbert, he has done a lot of research and worked with his manufacturing company to keep it open and safe.

**ZREC for Community Center, Hook and Ladder and new Police Station** – F. Hurley reported that they have received the letter from Hook & Ladder and the project is moving forward. The vendor will be on site Monday morning.



There was a third party engineer that confirmed that there is no structural problems with the Community Center roof, it is just cosmetic.

As soon as the Police Department is ready they will begin work there.

**VNM Solar project – New project waiting state approval – No update**

**Batchelder site – future project waiting for site cleanup** – Until the remediation is done there isn't much that can be done. They are looking at a 2MW community solar project to benefit residents of Town.

**Electric Vehicles-Charging Stations – No update**

**Update on Community Center/Senior Center co-generation meeting update** – A. Adriani and F. Hurley went through the building with Titan Energy. They are interested in the heat. Air flow data loggers have been purchased they can track air flow for a week or two. One will be placed in the intake and the other in the exhaust.

**Develop/update: Municipal Energy Plan, Web Site, Facebook page and Power Point**

**Presentation. Incorporate demand reduction and Energy Star Portfolio Manager – D.**

Stout has made some changes to the website. The recycling information will be updated as well to reflect what is currently being accepted. K. Quinn is working in the Energy plan. They are working a document that has all the solar installation, when they were put in, how large they are and their output.

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED**

**Organic Recycling/ School program** – Newtown and Ridgefield have applied with HRRA for a \$90,000 grant to compost on site. There will be a third party vendor managing the program.

**General Recycling – No update**

**Information sheet for Building and Land Use Departments for Energy Savings Ideas – No Update**

Next meeting is August 20, 2020.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk