

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – via Google Meets

Thursday, November 19, 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, Dave Stout, Carol Walsh, Jacqueline Meriano, George Brown

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

**Communications** – None

**Public Comments** – None

**Acceptance of Minutes** - M. Sievel moved to accept the minutes of the 10/15/20 meeting. D. Stout seconded, all in favor

**BUSINESS**

**Introduction of our newest member Jackie Meriano** – K. Quinn introduced Jackie Meriano, new member to the Sustainable Energy Commission.

**Approval of 2021 meeting schedule** – M. Sievel moved to approve the 2021 meeting schedule (Attachment A), G. Brown seconded, all in favor.

**ZERC for Community Center, new Police Station and Hook & Ladder Fire House** – F. Hurley reported that they are all on schedule. They are just waiting on testing and final sign off.

**VNM Solar project – New project waiting state approval** – Still waiting on the state for approval. The bill was pulled at the last session. First Selectman Rosenthal sent a letter to the governor and asked to have it reintroduced at the next session.

**How to increase the number of Electric Vehicles Charging Stations** – M. Sievel reported that in the town of East Hampton, NY they have new charging stations. From news articles they received these at no cost through Electrify America. M. Sievel will look more into Electrify America and contact the Town of East Hampton to gather more information.

**Using the Small Business Energy Advantage (SBEA) program for town building/schools** –They have used the SBEA program for Middle Gate School. They did a comprehensive project that included lighting and boilers. D. Stout said that Everource is giving up to 85%, on a Covid Relief program, of the installed cost if you go through an approved vendor. \$100,000 goes on bill for 0% and the rest can be financed at 2%. The only two building that require lighting update is Head of Meadow and Reed schools. D. Stout will have them reach out to Bob Gerbert.

**Update on Community Center/Senior Center co-generation meeting update** – The firm (Atlas Energy) has been delayed in a response due to Covid. There have been major HVAC issues. Once they get a maintenance contract and on call contract from different vendors they will know more about what is going on.

**Update on New Police Station** – The ribbon cutting was last weekend.

**Energy Star Portfolio Manager** – A. Adriani will set up a meeting to show commission members how to use the portfolio manager.

**Demand Reduction program** – No update

**Facebook presence?** – J. Meriano will work with E. Weiss on the facebook page. There was discussion on what they want the page to look like, informative or interactive. K. Quinn will forward a list of other commission and what they are doing.

**Municipal Energy Plan** – no update

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

**HRRA grant for composting program** – No update

**General Recycling** – No update

Next meeting is December 17, 2020.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk

# Attachment A

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## **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16

January 20, 2022