

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – via teleconference

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Called to order at 7:00PM

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

**Present via teleconference:** Kathy Quinn, Zach Marchetti, Erik Weiss, Carol Walsh, Mark Sievel, Allen Adriani, Jackie Meriano

**Absent:** David Stout, George Brown

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

**Communications** – None

**Public Comments** –None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – M. Sievel moved to approve the minutes from the 2/18/21 meeting. Z. Marchetti second, all in favor.

**VNM solar project** – New project waiting state approval– Still pending.

**Electric Vehicles charging stations** – F. Hurley reported that there was a misinterpretation of the proposed location. He will draw up a sketch to make it clear. They are also going to start working with the new developer putting in the new station at FFH.

**School Updates (B. Gerbert):**

*Head of Meadow* is going to start on Monday. Right now they are targeting to finish by the end of April Break.

*Hawley* – The project is moving along. They have a construction manager on board and did a field visit yesterday afternoon.

*Reed* – They have provided the lighting portion of the bid but waiting on the HVAC. This still needs to go to referendum. If it gets approved they can move forward.

**Update on Community/Senior Center co-generation meeting** - B. Gerbert reported that he looked at four units at the Community Center/Senior Center. The one that has been most problematic is the pool unit. The best guess for that is that the controllers are fighting so cooling is running at the same time as heat. The large unit that sits over the main entrance kicks on every few minutes. The two other units by the pool seem to be ok.

**Municipal Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview** – F. Hurley reported that this will be a project rather than an ongoing committee that will build on previous data sets points put together on town buildings including but not limited to the assessment done by Ameresco.

**Energy Star Portfolio Manager** – K. Quinn has been working on getting all of the data imputed.

**Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators** – F. Hurley reported that C-power is back in the loop. They have taken care of the new capacity credits at the New PD, Community Center and Hook and Ladder solar sites.

F. Hurley will be together a packet for the next meeting about a company that offers a battery system that allows you to store power off peak and you can use it as a tactic to reduce demand issues.

**Facebook presence** –J. Meriano reported that there are 79 likes. There are new followers so it is reaching people. She does one post per week and encouraged members to forward anything they think will be a good fit for the page.

**Municipal Energy Plan** – K. Quinn is working on it.

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

**Changes to recycling/composting efforts** – No update

Next meeting is April 15, 2021

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk