

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, June 17, 2021
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

Present: Allen Adriani, Kathy Quinn, George Brown, Erik Weiss, Carol Walsh

Present via teleconference: David Stout, Zach Marchetti

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, BOE Director of Facilities Bob Gerbert
(via teleconference)

Absent: Jackie Meriano, Mark Sievel

Communications – K Quinn reported that Eversource is having a Safe Sustainable Schools webinar on June 22 and CT Green Bank is having a series of webinars exploring the Renewable Energy of Community in 2021. K. Quinn, having 10 years with the commission, suggested a change in leadership. She would like to step down at Chair but still be on the board. It will be on the August agenda. Z. Marchetti is moving out of town and tonight is his last meeting. The board wished him well.

Public Comments –None

Acceptance of Minutes – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting, G. Brown seconded, all in favor.

Outreach to Commercial Community-Legislative Council – C. Walsh has reached out to the Legislative Council and P&Z to talk about what the Sustainable Energy Commission is doing and how to reach out to commercial properties. They suggested the commission come up with a specific proposal to present to the boards. F. Hurley suggested bringing in Economic Development for outreach to commercial properties. W. Weiss suggested that maybe P&Z could mandate or suggest that where building is built to accommodate solar in the future.

VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval – F. Hurley reported that bill for the expansion of VNM went nowhere. The one thing they still have going is the filing with PURA that is still pending. This may be the only way to get the last megawatt.

Electric Vehicles charging stations – Electrify America – F. Hurley reported that the Town Attorney has reviewed the draft agreement and made some changes. SHOP has the draft with the Town's changes and are meeting this weekend to discuss. F. Hurley also reported that he met with Graybar and Charge Point. The end conclusion is to figure out the locations they would

like to promote and Charge Point will provide a proposal. They suggested they wait until the grants come down because level 3 charging stations are very expensive.

School Updates: B. Gerbert reported that they are finishing up the Head of Meadow lighting project. Some fixtures are on back order and that is holding up completion.

Reed School – B. Gerbert reported that they received two proposals that were very close in dollars. The project will be awarded to Green Leaf which did Head of Meadow. The project came in 50% less than budgeted in the CIP.

Hawley School – They are scheduled to receive the drawing electronically tomorrow.

Update on Community/Senior Center co-generation meeting - B. Gerbert will quote the controls for the HVAC.

Municipal Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview – No update.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager – No update.

Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators – F. Hurley will pursue more aggressively now that vendors can come out for site visits and presentation.

Facebook presence – No update.

Municipal Energy Plan – No update.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – No update.

Next meeting is August 19, 2021

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk