

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, September 16, 2021
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

Present: Allen Adriani, Kathy Quinn

Present via teleconference: Mark Sievel, Jackie Meriano, Carol Walsh

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Bob Gerbert

Absent: David Stout, George Brown

Communications – K. Quinn reported that she has received the resignation from Erik Weiss.

Public Comments –None

Acceptance of Minutes – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes from the 8/19/21 meeting. M. Seivel seconded with one type, in the third sentence under Municipal Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview the word should be ongoing, not on goig. All in favor with correction.

Appointment of new Chair and/or new member – No discussion

Outreach to Commercial community along with P&Z and EDC – C. Walsh discussed a report that she is putting together. She took presentations that were previously done, simplified it and put it into a format that would be easy to understand. This report will enlighten the town on what the commission has done and continues to do. More data is needed as well as savings the town has seen from these projects.

VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval– F. Hurley reported that the last Megawatt has been approved. The project has already been built but it will take about 6 months for us to get authorization for the credits on the Community Center, Library, Edmond Town Hall, Middlegate School and the Ambulance garage. This will put us over 95% for solar based electrical consumption of public buildings.

Electric Vehicles charging stations – F. Hurley sent the contract corrections back to Electrify America. It should move a lot quicker.

School Updates: B. Gerbert reported that Head of Meadow project is complete.

Hawely School: The LC last week approved it to go to referendum in November

Reed: lighting will start on Monday. The project should be complete by Thanksgiving. Old boilers are out, new are in. At the beginning of the school year they swapped out the indirect storage tanks. The progress has been pretty good. The lighting went smooth at head of Meadow so expecting the same with Reed.

Head of Meadow: He has not been able to connect with the geothermal driller to discuss arranging for the test holes.

Middlegate: they are having their own electrician install LED's in the wall packs and exterior lights.

Update on Community (water usage, RTU's)/Senior Center co-generation meeting – F. Hurley reported that they found the cause of the roof bubbling was from building moisture. They will have to file an insurance claim for the repairs.

Municipal Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview – F. Hurley reported that the redo of the roof is close. They have all the roofing diagrams and the remediation information and are also looking at how much solar can be placed on the roof.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager – No update

Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators – C-Power was in, they will give a presentation about demand reduction including storage from solar.

Facebook presence – J. Meriano reported that there has been a fair amount of engagement. We posted 6 articles in the month. .

Municipal Energy Plan – No update

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – No update.

Next meeting is October 21, 2021

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk