

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown  
Thursday, November 18, 2021  
Called to order at 7:02PM

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

**Present:** Allen Adriani, Kathy Quinn, Robert Bohn

**Present via teleconference:** Mark Sievel, Carol Walsh, George Brown

**Absent:** Jackie Meriano, David Stout, Dana Myjak

**Also Present:** Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Kana Mowry, Jason Strano, Bob Gerbert (teleconference)

**Communications** – K. Quinn let members know that the Newtown Bee featured Allan Adriani in its snapshot section. Anyone that would like to be part of that feature, let her know it helps keep the SEC presence in the Bee.

**Public Comments** - None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting. R. Bohn seconded, all in favor.

**Appointment of new Chair** – Not discussed

**Approve 2022 Meeting Schedule** – R. Bohn moved to approve the 2022 proposed meeting schedule (Attachment A). A. Adriani seconded, all in favor.

**Outreach to Commercial community along with P&Z and EDC** – K. Quinn reported that they did their presentation at the Board of Selectman. It went well and covered a lot of topics. It was suggested that they go to the BOE, LC and BOF after the new people take their seats to educate them on what the SEC has done.

**VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval**– F. Hurley said there is some movement. PURA is looking at the administrative processes to reallocate unused credits created by the initial 3 year reduction of credits from 80% to 60% to 40%. The current filing on this matter to PURA was brought by Newtown, Hartford and New Britain. It is important to us because there is a project Newtown is in the doorway of the queue for the credits which would get us to 95% solar electric.

**Electric Vehicles charging stations** – F. Hurley reported that he has send Electrify America the Sandy Hook Design District requirements and will send the contract back to them tomorrow. A cover letter will be sent with the concerns from SHOP. M. Sievel suggested having a review meeting with Electrify America.

**School Updates:** B. Gerbert reported that the only thing left at the High School is the parking lot. It can be upgraded using on bill financing. Hawley HVAC has been approved by the voters so that will proceed and the BOS approved working with Downes Construction for the Hawley HVAC which will expedite the project in the next few months. Reed School, they are 90% complete, just waiting on a few fixtures to come in.

**Update on Community (water usage, RTU's)/Senior Center co-generation meeting** – No update

**Town Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview** – They presented to the First Selectman the beginning of the software development they are putting together.

**Energy Star Portfolio Manager** – K. Quinn is getting more involved so they can use it more effectively.

**Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators** – There is a proposal coming from CPower that takes the generators into consideration to work with some type of solar or non-solar storage that would then get used to flatten demand.

**Facebook presence** – No Update

**Municipal Energy Plan** – No update

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

**Changes to recycling/composting efforts** – F. Hurley reported that they are looking at a pilot program for on-site composting that HRRA will be starting in Ridgefield, which we would replicate. There is a Grant application that was submitted for on-site composting and larger recycling totes.

Next meeting is December 16, 2021

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk

# Attachment A

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION  
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER  
3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT 06470

## ***PROPOSED***

### **2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

January 19, 2023