

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown  
Thursday, January 20, 2022  
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

**Present:** Allen Adriani, Kathy Quinn, Carol Walsh

**Present via teleconference:** David Stout, Robert Bohn, George Brown (7:16)

**Absent:** Jackie Meriano, Dana Myjak

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

**Communications** – K. Quinn announced that the Earth Day Fair is going to try to have their event this year on April 23. There is also a webinar next week about community level decarbonization planning that K. Quinn will be attending.

**Public Comments** - None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – A, Adriani moved to approve the minutes of the 12/16/21 meeting. R. Bohn seconded, all in favor.

**Appointment of new Chair** – Not discussed

**Outreach to Commercial community along with P&Z and EDC** – K. Quinn has reached out to Land Use to meet with them and asked C. Walsh to join.

**VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval**– F. Hurley reported that the filing with PURA on unused credits was approved. The methodology for the payment for those credits will be option C which is what Newtown prefers. At the new PD they may do a project with canopy solar. There may be funding for the Municipal building roof sooner than anticipated which will include solarizing the roof.

**Electric Vehicles charging stations** – No update

**School Updates:** B. Gerbert reported that the LC did approve with some amendments the BOE CIP. The chiller at Reed School was removed from the CIP. The big one for this coming summer is the rooftop units for the High school which could be bundle it with the parking lot lights for larger rebates.

Hawley HVAC bids came in over budget. Downes, the construction manager, will be reviewing the bid packages and reaching out to bidders.

Reed School lighting is all done. The boilers are still being completed. Monday they will back to demo the second pump and install a new one.

Head of Meadow School, he will have an update on the heat pumps at the next meeting.

**Update on Community (water usage, RTU's)/Senior Center co-generation meeting – A.**

Adriani explained that they are trying to get quotes for updating the controls so it can work properly.

**Town Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview –** They are still working on the database.

In conjunction with the town they are working with a software company that BOE currently uses for the school and looking to see if all the town buildings can be added to it.

**Energy Star Portfolio Manager –** No update

**Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators –** No update

**Facebook presence –** No update

**Municipal Energy Plan –** No update

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED**

**Changes to recycling/composting efforts –** There is an adhoc committee looking at curbside recycling to determine how to move forward.

Next meeting is February 17, 2022

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Miles, Clerk