

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown  
Thursday, March 17, 2022  
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

**Present:** Kathy Quinn, Allen Adriani, Robert Bohn, Carol Walsh, Derek Pisani

**Present via teleconference:** Mike Oristaglio, George Brown (7:30)

**Absent:** David Stout, Dana Myjak

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

**Communications** – K. Quinn provided two newsletters that members can sign up for that provide good information. One is CT Green Energy News comes out weekly and the other is SmartPower Buss that comes out Monthly.

**Public Comments** - None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – R. Bohn moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting. C. Walsh seconded, all in favor.

**Appointment of new Chair** – Appointment of new chair was not discussed. K, Quinn did look for volunteers for subcommittees for EV Charging stations, Storage and Portfolio Manager.

**Outreach to promote energy improvement measures to the Commercial Sector** - This is to try to get some ideas going forward to get commercial industries to look at sustainable ideas when designing their buildings.

**VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval**– F. Hurley reported that this is a new and different VNM program. We will receive a 20% savings on electricity. If the application is accepted it will be \$.04 per kwh. This will cover the Community Center, Ambulance Garage, Library, Edmond Town Hall and Middlegate School.

**Solar Canopy at Police Department** – That application is in. It will generate approximately 37,000 kwh which will bring the PD up to 100%. They are also going to put in a charging station as part of the project.

**Electric Vehicles charging stations** – F. Hurley reported that Eversource has a new application for EV. They will provide 100% rebate for the engineering, service equipment, connection

terminal and installation. The second piece is having vendors come in and put their charging stations in which Eversource will reimburse 50%. The EV station in Sandy Hook is waiting on a 3D rendering from Electrify America.

**School Updates:** B. Gerbert reported that he is looking at CIP projects. He had Green Leaf come in for the High School parking lot lights and may look to add Middlegate lots too. Reed is all set, they got the last small boiler removed, and everything is running off the main plant now. Hawley School, we should have more information on Tuesday at the Public Building and Site meeting on how the project bid is progressing. Funding for geothermal at Head of Meadow is being looked at for the engineer and the driller.

**Update on Community/Senior Center co-generation meeting – No update**

**Town Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview –** Graham and Christina met with the tech. people currently providing work order management for the schools. We are getting back to them in May. Brightly Software is the company's new name. B. Gerbert is for upgrading the software as necessary. The town buildings may be added to try to get all operation and maintenance linked to each building to forecast when things need to be replaced.

**Energy Star Portfolio Manager – No update**

**Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators – covered somewhere?**

**Facebook presence – no update**

**Municipal Energy Plan – no update**

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

**Changes to recycling/composting efforts –** F. Hurley reported that there is an Ad Hoc committee set up by the Board of Selectman consisting of members from the BOS, BOF and LC to address curbside recycling. The recommendation is status quo for now. The plan is to revamp the Transfer Station for more capacity and then look at changing or modify the existing curbside program.

Next meeting is April 21, 2022

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk