

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

Present: Kathy Quinn, Robert Bohn, Carol Walsh, Derek Pisani

Absent: Mike Oristaglio, David Stout, Dana Myjak, Allen Adriani, George Brown

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley

Communications – K. Quinn reported that there was an article in the Danbury paper for the New England electric area, one day in May and another in April hit an all-time low for demand during the day time. It has a lot to do with the solar and wind coming on board. The other item is because you have less demand from efficient light bulbs and appliances.

Public Comments - None

Acceptance of Minutes – Not discussed, no quorum.

BUSINESS

10K Grant decision – Not discussed

Sub-Committees:

EV Charging Stations – D. Pisani, will formulate the next steps and maybe use the Library project as a template. At Edmond Town Hall they will be doing the parking lot and the board is interested in EV charging stations. K. Quinn talked to the property owner doing the strip mall on Route 34 and put them in contact with Electrify America for EV Stations.

Energy Storage – F. Hurley reported that there are two consultants, Traditions and Solomon, both putting together an energy storage package for the New Police Station and the Waste Water Treatment plant which both have solar. There is a resiliency package opening up. They are particularly interested that there is solar to charge the batteries.

Portfolio Manager – K. Quinn has collected more data and pulled the field cards to get the square footage. There are still buildings that need updating.

Outreach to promote energy improvement measures to the Commercial Sector and review of Design Guidelines for Public Building and Site Committee – K. Quinn has not had gotten EDC to send the flier out in a blast yet. It is in the Building Department, Land Use, town Website, and blasted in News and Announcements as well as Face Book.

VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval– No update

Solar Canopy at Police Department – No update

Other Solar Opportunities – No update

School Updates: B. Gerbert was not present but sent his update.

- Middle Gate parking lot lights are starting next week.
- Trane is refreshing NHS RTU bid package.
- Hawley activity will start after school year ends (6/16) and move out is complete (target of 6/24).
- We are looking to see if we can fit the NHS parking lot lights into this fiscal year with a combination of on-bill financing and cash

Town Building Strategic Plan Committee update – no update

Municipal Energy Plan – No update

Social Media – No update

Summer meeting Schedule – No discussed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – F. Hurley reported that they are looking at taking glass out of curbside recycling and putting in satellite drop off area's to reduce the glass contamination from curbside recycling.

Next meeting is June 16, 2022

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk