SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, December 15, 2022
Called to order at 7:00M

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

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

Absent: Dana Myjak, George Brown, David Stout **Also Present** – Director of Public Works Fred Hurley

Communications – None **Public Comments** - None

Acceptance of Minutes – R. Bohn moved to approve the minutes of the 11/17/22 meeting. M. Oristaglio seconded, all in favor.

BUSINESS

Participation in Power Smart Program— K. Quinn said that the Power Smart Program is asking who would like to be considered for this program. It is a lot like the solarize program that was done in the past. D. Pisani moved to recommend that we put Newtown in for consideration in the program. M. Oristaglio seconded, all in favor.

Follow up on Cenergistic Presentation from October Meeting – No update

10K Grant decision - No update

Sub-Committees:

EV Charging Stations – F. Hurley reported that locations for Edmond Town Hall, CH Booth Library, the Community Center and Senior Center need to be determined in January. The deadline for submitting the applications is in February.

Energy Storage – F. Hurley reported that they are putting together an RFP for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The current solar system is 90-100 KWH. They need 325 KWH for a full load. And looking at a system that would generate that on an annual basis.

Portfolio Manager - No update

VNM solar project – New application needs to be submitted – No update

Solar Canopy at Police Department/resubmit 2023- No update

Other Solar Opportunities/Batchelders status - No update

School Updates:

High School (5) RTUs and parking lot lights – The project is completed

Hawley – No update

Town Building Strategic Plan Committee update – They are moving along and working with the Town to transfer the work from the private server to the town server.

Municipal Energy Plan – No update

Social Media -No update

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – F. Hurley reported that we are participating in a number of grant programs to possibly get larger totes, on site food scrap and leaf compositing. HRRA is pushing the legislative agenda for EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) which makes the manufacturer responsible for either recycling the packaging or covering the cost for us to recycle it. EPR has already been passed for mattresses, electronics, paint and propane cylinders

Lighting at FFH – No update

Next meeting is January 19, 2023

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Arlene Miles, Clerk