

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, February 16, 2023
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

Present: Kathy Quinn, Mike Oristaglio, Robert Bohn, David Stout

Absent: Allen Adriani, Carol Walsh Derek Pisani, George Brown

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and one member of the public

Communications – None

Public Comments – None

Acceptance of Minutes – No quorum

Update to Smart Power residential storage program – The memo of understanding has been signed. Now they are just waiting on the press release

Follow up on Cenergistic Presentation form Oct. Meeting – No update

10K Grant decision – No update

Sub-Committees –

EV Charging stations – No update

Energy Storage – F. Hurley explained that C-Power is coming to the next Water and Sewer Authority to discuss their program. They would like to have these battery storage locations spread around to flatten the demand.

VNM solar project – New application needs to be submitted– An RFP was sent out for Buy All. The 4 buildings (Municipal, PD, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Head O’Meadow) have VNM already. You can do both on the same building even if it exceeds 100%. If you do rooftop system, you put up what practically works. If you put up what exceeds, you get a paid for putting back in the grid. There are restriction on ground mount and canopy. Those can’t go over the usage.

Solar Canopy at Police Department – Discussed under VNM

Other Solar Opportunities-Batchelder status, Head O'Meadow, Municipal Center, Waste Water Treatment plant – Discussed under VNM

School Updates: No update

Town Building Strategic Plan Committee –They are working on a data collection system and collecting prints and O&M, they are going to include town documents as well. They are looking now at getting high speed scanners and possible interns to digitize and index them.

Municipal Energy Plan – No update

Social Media – They continue to rotate recycling or relevant posts to increase engagement.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – No update

Lighting at FFH – No update

Next meeting is March 16, 2023

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk