

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, April 18, 2024
Called to order at 7:07PM

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

Present: Kathy Quinn, Nicolas Lombardo, Carol Walsh, Richard Eigen, Damian Bednarz

Absent: Mike Oristaglio, Allen Adriani, Robert Bohn, George Brown

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley

Communications – None

Public Comments – None

Acceptance of Minutes – D. Bednarz moved to approve the minutes of the 3/21/24 meeting.
N. Lombardo seconded, all in favor.

Open Position – Richard Eigen introduced himself to the commission.

Earth Day Participation – The Town's Chevy volt will be there and the commission will have a table next to the vehicle with a flier and answer questions.

EV Charging Station – The equipment is here for Edmond Town Hall. The last week of April the Electrician is scheduled to get it up and running.

Portfolio Manager – No update

Status of solar projects – F. Hurley reported that there are 3 projects approved under the Buy all Program, Head O'Meadow, Municipal Building and Waste Water Treatment plant. The only one not awarded is the PD Canopy. When the reroofing of the Municipal Building is completed, then they will begin putting solar on. Then they will do a ground mount at the WWTP and Head O'Meadow will be on hold until next year when they repair the roof.

Nunnawauk Meadows – F. Hurley met with the Nunnawauk board. There is a new program for subsidized housing. There is a letter of intent that has been drafted and their board will be voting on it in May. They can put canopy's up, they can do rooftops and a ground mount. The land next to them that the ground mounts would work best on is owned by the Town. There would need to be a lease from the Town to Nunnawauk.

Batchelder remediation plan – WESTCOG held an informal brownfield meeting regarding funding available for brownfields. The next step that needs to be taken is to get funding from the Town for a cost estimate for the property.

School Updates – F. Hurley reported that a firm has been selected for the facility study. They will do a high level review of BOE and Town buildings. The BOE has applied for a grant to restart a food scraps recycling program at Sandy Hook School.

Community Center HVAC – No update

Town Building Strategic Plan Committee – The committee has been reconstituted by the BOS. The school facilities will be changing their operation and maintenance platform. We will be migrating town buildings to the same platform. The idea is to get a town wide status of all buildings so when they are at the CIP they have data based on need.

SEC Slide program and Social Media – K. Quinn would like the slides from the SEC presentation to be included on the town website. There are also solar installation bar charts on-line that they would like linked to the website.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

POCD update – No update

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – Food scraps at Sandy Hook school should begin in the fall.

Co-operation with other agencies – No update

Next meeting is May 16, 2024

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk