

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

The Sustainable Energy Commission held a regular meeting Thursday, March 15, 2018 in shared meeting room 3 of the Municipal Center located at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Kathy Quinn at 7:04p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Kathy Quinn, Allen Adriani, Jeff Jorgenson, Mark Sievel, Tom Snayd, Dave Stout, Barbara Toomey

**Also Present:** Chuck Litty

**Absent:** George Brown

**Communications:** Barbara Toomey submitted her resignation from the commission effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Earth Day is April 28 at the Newtown Middle School.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Mr. Sievel moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 15, 2018. Mr. Snayd seconded. All in favor.

### **Business**

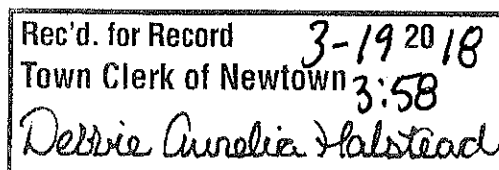
#### **Discussion and possible action:**

- a. **Status of Landfill Solar Project:** The kick in date has been rescheduled to March 24 due to power/storm issues with Eversource
- b. **New Project – Sandy Hook School Solar/Firehouses:** no update.
- c. **Solomon Solar project/Windham:** no update.
- d. **MLS Group – Nunnawauk Meadows – solar:** Nunnawauk is in transition at this time as the Director has retired.
- e. **Batchelder site – potential for solar:** no update.
- f. **Grant Funds:** The Chevy Bolt is at the dealer; it will be wrapped. There is the potential to use some of the funds for another vehicle, possibly for the First Selectman.
- g. **Energy Savings program update:** Ms. Quinn would like to match three vendors with **the Riverside Road Senior Center, the Library and the Edmond Town Hall.** The SBEA program will be used. There are some energy conservation measures on the HVAC side that only certain vendors have access to.

#### **New Construction projects:**

**Community Center:** no update.

**Police Dept.: Kaestle Boos selected:** the project has not been turned over the Public Building & Site. An offsite location is being looked at; a location at Fairfield Hills is to be reviewed. Mr. Stout said his company retrofitted an old city hall building in Bridgeport, which provides all the electricity, heat, hot water and cold water to City Hall, the Police Station and the Senior Center. Any excess electric generated can be used by



other facilities and in an emergency it goes into island mode and provides resiliency to all three facilities. The only thing paid for is the electricity, at a 10-12 cent rate.

Mr. Stout can arrange for a tour for any interested commission members. Ms. Quinn said that Mr. Hurley is talking about a microgrid at the high school; she would like him more involved in this conversation. Mr. Stout can arrange for someone to come in from Centrica for a presentation. Mr. Stout cautioned against counting on ZREC as the program is changing next year.

**General plan for schools:** no update.

**Town Hall South study – Chuck Litty:** Mr. Litty completed his presentation.

- h. Microgrid feasibility study:** no update.
- i. High School Sustainability Program – funding possibilities:** no update.
- j. Dashboard for website (API keys):** no update.
- k. Sustainable CT resolution on BOS agenda 2/20/18:** Passed, sent to Legislative Council.

**Additional Items for discussion:**

- 1. Municipal Energy Plan:** no update
- 2. Energy Star Portfolio Manager:** Mr. Adriani needs account numbers in order to enter a meter into the portfolio manager. He will reach out to Eversource.
- 3. Web Site – Update Landfill photo, link to Sustainable CT –** no update; more information needed.
- 4. Organic Recycling:** Mr. Stout asked if the amount of organic material has increased. The number of families has increased. Mr. Sievel said that the garbage tipping cost should be less due to the amount of organic waste being recycled instead of being put in the garbage.
- 5. Fracking Waste:** sent to Ordinance Committee 2/7/18 for review.
- 6. Plastic Bag Reduction resolution sent to Legislative Council for review:** this has not yet been assigned to the ordinance committee. Greenwich passed a resolution. Newtown's ordinance is specific to single use plastic bags.

**Adjournment:** Having no other business the Sustainable Energy Commission adjourned their regular meeting at 7:49p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 19, 2018.

*Susan Marcinek*, clerk