

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

Sustainable Energy Commission held a regular meeting Thursday, December 19, 2019 in shared meeting room 3 of the Municipal Center located at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

Chairman Kathy Quinn called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Present: Kathy Quinn, Allen Adriani, Zach Marchetti, Erik Weiss, Tom Snayd

Absent: Vanessa Villamil, Mark Sievel, David Stout, George Brown

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Chuck Litty, Bob Gerbert, Ryan Knapp

Communications – K. Quinn received an e-mail announcing that the CT Energy Network has temporarily extended the Home Energy Solution co-pay at \$75.

Public Comments – None

Minutes – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes of the 11/21/19 meeting with the correction on page 2 “VNM new 2 NW (AC)” Should read “VNM new 2 MW (AC)” E. Weiss seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Discussion with Robert Gerbert regarding the schools and energy savings measures – R. Gerbert reported that they repaired the boiler at Head of Meadow school. The LC met last night and reviewed the CIP. They asked that the lighting and boiler upgrades to Reed School and Head of Meadow be switched in year 3 and 4 so Head of Meadow will be done before Reed.

When they come back from winter break they are going to get recycling going at Sandy Hook School. They are going to start with liquids, recycling and trash. If that goes well, branch into composting and other elementary schools. R. Knapp questioned the removal of glass from recycling. F. Hurley reported that there is nothing new yet. Our region is a head of the state and there are a few towns doing a pilot program source separating glass. One of the obstacles is finding a place that will take the glass.

The lighting at Sandy Hook school is now working properly. There was a bad board that was under warrantee and has been replaced.

R. Gerbert reported that he will be attending town meetings such as Sustainable Energy, Building and Site and others in the attempt to bridge BOE and Town agencies.

F. Hurley reported that the BOE will start to see changes in in their electric bill in January. The 2 MW system that will be used for the Middle School, Reed School, Sandy Hook and Head of Meadow went on line yesterday. The High School should go on line in February and you should be able to see the credits in May.

Promotional reusable bags – No update

ZREC for Community Center, Hook and Ladder and new Police Station – F. Hurley reported that they awarded it to the low bidder, Davis Hill. They went to Hook and Ladder and the trailer at the New PD. They are working with Consigli to make sure there is proper conduit in place. The community center is ready for it.

VNM solar project – Griswold 2MW (AC) – Went on line November 18, 2019.

VNM new 2 MW (AC) systems/Credit for High School (Hampton) – Scheduled to go on line end of February.

Electric Vehicles-Charging Stations – There has been more dialog from the state that there will be something coming up in the Spring. They will come up with the money for the site work, the property owner will have to pay for the rest.

Energy Savings program:

Community Center/Senior Center – A. Adriani reported that they are having problems with the VFD, chlorine levels and condensation on the windows. The plumber did re-pipe the hot water returns.

Police Department – No update

General plans for schools – In R. Gerbert's report.

Develop/update: Municipal Energy Plan, Web Site, Facebook page and Power Point Presentation. Incorporate demand reduction and Energy Star Portfolio Manager – K. Queen has started working on the corrections that need to be made. The website needs to be done first and then face book.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Organic Recycling/ School program – Starting after the first of the year

General Recycling –

Outline Sustainable Newtown Program – No update

Batchelder site for future solar/installation/community solar site – F. Hurley is working with Rob Sibley to have electrical system on the Batchelder which will allow us to apply for programs that become available.

Next meeting is January 16, 2020.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk