

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Called to order at 7:03pm

NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Present: Kathy Quinn, the following members were present via teleconference: Allen Adriani, Zach Marchetti, Erik Weiss, Mark Sievel, David Stout(7:14)

Absent: Tom Snayd, Vanessa Villamil, George Brown

Also Present: via teleconference: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Chuck Litty

Communications – None

Public Comments –None

Acceptance of Minutes – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes from the 2/20/20 meeting. E. Weiss seconded, motion unanimously approved.

C-Power Proposal – They were going to go through various buildings but since COVID that has been put on hold.

Update on schools regarding energy saving measures, indoor air quality issues, recycling – A. Adriani and K. Quinn sat in for a BOE CIP subcommittee meeting. They were invited to attend their July 7, 2020 BOE meeting so they can get a better feel of who the Sustainable Energy Commission is and what they want to accomplish.

In July B. Gerbert will be bring any members of the SEC and Building and Site for walk through various schools. It was suggested that C-Power also attend if possible so there doesn't need to be repeat visits. The date is still to be determined. They were going to start with the High School and the Middle School as well as the Municipal Center.

A Adriani reported that the Hawley School Indoor Air Quality Study RFP resulted in 5 vendors. This will go to Building and Site to choose the engineering firm. Whichever company is picked will establish a baseline. However, they cannot do the study unless the schools are occupied.

Reusable bags – M. Sievel moved to permanently table this item. D. Stout seconded, motion unanimously approved.

ZREC for Community Center, Hook and Ladder and new Police Station – The Community Center is on hold because there is a crack in a wall that supports the roof which is part of a legal settlement. Hook and Ladder decided they weren't sure that they would allow us to go on their roof. They are looking for a written agreement with the Town before that happens. The vendor will be on the new Police Department before the others. We have the ZRECs, they just need the systems installed.

VNM solar project – Griswold 2MW (AC) and 2 MW (AC) systems/Credit for High School (Hampton) – The first 5 MW is on line, the 6th is waiting for credits to be approved by the state. They are already starting to see the benefit on the High School electric bill.

Electric Vehicles-Charging Stations – No update

Update on Community Center/Senior Center – The hot water has been fixed at the Community Center.

Develop/update: Municipal Energy Plan, Web Site, Facebook page and Power Point Presentation. Incorporate demand reduction and Energy Star Portfolio Manager – K. Quinn and D. Stout are working on the website. They will continue with the go daddy site for the time being. There is a link on the Town website and they will work on cleaning it up.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Organic Recycling/ School program – No update

General Recycling – Glass will be taken out of single stream recycling. Glass causes contamination in the single stream loads. There will be containers at the Transfer Station for only glass.

Information sheet for Building and Land Use Departments for Energy Savings Ideas – No Update

Batchelder site for future solar/installation/community solar site – No Update

Next meeting is July 17, 2020.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk