

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – via teleconference

Thursday, October 15, 2020

Called to order at 7:00PM

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

**Present via teleconference:** Kathy Quinn, Allen Adriani, Zach Marchetti, Erik Weiss, Carol Walsh, Mark Sievel, David Stout

**Absent:** George Brown

**Also Present via teleconference:** Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, BOE Director of Facilities Bob Gerbert and Chuck Litty

**Communications** – None

**Public Comments** –None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – M. Sievel moved to approve the minutes of the 9/17/20 meeting. E.Wiess seconded, all in favor.

**Return to in-person meetings?** – The board discussed the options. It was determined that they would do a hybrid meeting in November for members who wanted to come in person, others will connect via google meets.

**Presentation to BOF 9/29/20, Future co-ordination with BOE and BOF** – A. Adriani, F. Hurley and K. Quinn presented to the BOF. They added what was done to the Municipal buildings to the BOE presentation. The BOF asked if they would come back during the CIP process. A. Adriani reported that the BOE CIP Committee did walk throughs the schools. A. Adriani and B.Gerbert have started working on a spreadsheet for the projects and also started to weigh them for priority, i.e. health. B. Gerbert said it was well received with he BOE.

F. Hurley reported that the high School has now received its solar credits so it has a positive balance on its electric bill. He has officially turned over the credits and invoices for the High School to the BOE Business Director who will handle them going forward.

B. Gerbert received a quote to bring the insulation in the A-wing of the Middle school to R-30 value which was about \$12,000. He will include that upgrade when he submits his budget next Friday.

**ZREC for Community Center, new Police Station and Hook & Ladder Fire House** – The Community Center is getting their panels. Hook & Ladder will have final hook shortly. They have to go through the Aquarion water pump house for final hook up.

**VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval**– F. Hurley reported that there was a bill that got pulled but it wasn't a budget issue. The First Selectman is trying to track that down. In this round there are 28 towns, 22 of them have never participated in the past.

**Electric Vehicles – charging stations** – No Update

**Update on Community/Senior Center – co-generation meeting update** – No update  
New Police Station – they will be opening in a few weeks.

**Develop/update: Municipal Energy Plan, Web Site, Facebook page and Power Point Presentation. Incorporate demand reduction and Energy Star Portfolio Manager**– A. Adriani will work with C. Walsh and M. Seivel regarding the energy portfolio. B. Gerbert will provide a list of meters for the schools.

**Discuss and vote on new commission member if necessary** – There was no recommendation to be discussed.

**Follow up on Presentation by John Bonavistat from Honeywell** – There were no comments from board members other than a lot of the work he was proposing has already been completed.

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED**

**Organic Recycling/ School program** – No update

**HRRA grant for compostin program** – No update

**General Recycling** – No update

**Sustainable CT program in Newtown update** – K. Quinn reported that Rob Sibley, Land Use Director of Planning has taken the lead on this. The Sustainable Energy will provide any assistance where it pertains to their commission.

Next meeting is November 19, 2020.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk