

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown
Thursday, May 20, 2021
Called to order at 7:02PM

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Present: Allen Adriani, Kathy Quinn, Zach Marchetti, George Brown

Present via teleconference: Jackie Meriano

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley

Absent: Erik Weiss, Carol Walsh, Mark Sievel

Communications – None

Public Comments –None

Acceptance of Minutes – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting. G. Brown seconded, all in favor.

Omit one meeting this summer – A. Adriani moved to cancel the July 15, 2021 meeting. G. Brown seconded, all in favor.

VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval– F. Hurley reported that the issue of VNM is not dead yet. They are looking at an amendment from the floor of the General Assembly to be attached to a bill to increase the VNM credit cap from \$20 million to \$50 million. This would add 120 MW that would clear our 1MW request and that of 27 other municipalities in the queue. We are trying to get the reps and the senators to support that amendment. We went before PURA with Hartford and New Britain to get them to change their funding formulas that would add 12 MW and if they rule in our favor, that would get us our final megawatt.

Electric Vehicles charging stations – F. Hurley reported that he has not received solid information back from Altus about doing something at FFH. They did receive a preliminary contract from Electrify America. Both SHOP and the Town have some issues with it that need to be ironed out. It is a type 3 fast charge and the cost per KW is \$.55 which is on the higher side. They have offered a rental of \$100 per parking space as a lease payment.

Graybar has an EV division which are Charge Point providers, which is what the Town uses at its current station. They are part of US Cities as well.

School Updates:

Head of meadow is complete

Hawley, No update

Reed, the project was passed in the referendum and will move forward this summer.

Update on Community/Senior Center co-generation meeting - These will start to occur in June. B. Gerbert has his control person evaluating the building.

Municipal Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview – Z. Marchetti, A. Adriani and F. Hurley are on that committee and all noted the similarities but also the basic differences between doing an energy audit as opposed to inventorying building components. There was discussion about BTU’s per square foot as a indicator for project needed and priority.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager – K. Quinn took the last class but hasn’t done any modifications yet.

Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators – They will be coming around In June, along with other proposals.

Facebook presence – J. Meriano reported that stats for the Facebook page. It reached 18 people, less than last month with the same amount of posts. 79 likes which is the same as last month and 15 page views.

Municipal Energy Plan – K. Quinn has done some modification and will work with C. Walsh on the Power Point.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED

Changes to recycling/composting efforts – None

Next meeting is June 17, 2021

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk