

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
Public Works Department, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown  
Thursday, October 21, 2021  
Called to order at 7:00PM

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

**Present:** Allen Adriani, Kathy Quinn, Robert Bohn, Carol Walsh

**Present via teleconference:** Mark Sievel, Dana Myjak

**Absent:** Jackie Meriano, David Stout, George Brown

**Also Present:** Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Bob Gerbert (teleconference) and Chuck Litty (teleconference)

**Communications** – K. Quinn has been in touch with the Newtown Bee. They are going to try to keep up with what the commission is doing. Earlier in the month there was an article about the improvements that are going on at Head of Meadow School which was very informative.

**Public Comments** –None

**Acceptance of Minutes** – A. Adriani moved to approve the minutes of the 9/20/21 meeting, C. Walsh seconded, all in favor.

**Appointment of new Chair and/or new member/Introduce Robert Bohn II new member** – R. Bohn and Dana Myjak introduced themselves.

**Outreach to Commercial community along with P&Z and EDC** – The SEC will be on the Board of Selectman agenda November 15, 2021. C. Walsh and K. Quinn have been working on a presentation. Board members made suggestions to make sure the presentation is accurate and complete.

**VNM solar project – New project waiting state approval**– F. Hurley explained they have put 5 megawatts of solar generation online, one at the Transfer Station and four elsewhere. Another 1 ½ megawatts of solar panels on buildings. We have another megawatt pending. VNM is buying and selling the commodity of electricity. All the schools are on it except for Middle Gate which will be included in the final 1MW of pending VNM credits. The Community Center, Middle Gate, Library, Edmond Town Hall and the Ambulance Garage are the last 5 buildings slated for that last megawatt.

**Electric Vehicles charging stations** – F. Hurley reported that he sent the contract back to everyone. On Wednesday they will send it back to Electrify America.

**School Updates:** B. Gerbert reported that at **Middle Gate** they have been doing improvements with their in house electrician. They have replaced the outside lights at the **High School**. There is no update on **Hawley School**, they have to wait to see if it is approved on the November 2 ballot. **Reed School** they have upgraded the parking lot, exterior wall pacts and decorative lighting. The lower classrooms are done and they are picking away at the rest. They are targeting to be complete by Thanksgiving. **Head of Meadow**, he met with a company that will do an analysis of what would be a good fit for the building and if so, what the next steps will be.

**Update on Community (water usage, RTU's)/Senior Center co-generation meeting – A.** Adriani talked to the Director M. Ariniello who had another vendor coming in to look at the units. There are three unintegrated controls which are working against each other.

**Town Building Strategic Plan Committee Overview – F.** Hurley reported that they are still working out the database of all the assets. The idea is to supply decision makers with objective data.

**Energy Star Portfolio Manager –** No update

**Demand Reduction program, C Power, Generators –** They are taking the buildings we have and looking at demand reduction. Specifically at ways to cut the peaks. Another program going through the state is state funded storage systems for which they are looking at some proposals.

**Facebook presence –** No Update

**Municipal Energy Plan –** No Update

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

**Changes to recycling/composting efforts –** F. Hurley reported that there was a joint meeting of the BOS, BOF and LC to discuss the curbside recycling program. It was determined that the curbside recycling program will continue as is through June 30, 2022. They discussed all the other issues that are on us right now. They talked about revamping the structure at the Transfer Station, and the impact of glass.

Next meeting is November 18, 2021

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk