

MINUTES  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
April 11, 2016 – 4:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 1

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Syma Ebbin, Jeff Hollingsworth, Sam Kilpatrick, Len Mediavilla, Rita Schmidt, Zell Steever, John Sutherland

Excused: Gary Schneider, Bob Quevreaux, Mark Oefinger, Jon Reiner

Staff: Norris

Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of meeting of March 14, 2016

III. MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 14, 2016

Motion made by Sutherland, seconded by Kilpatrick. Motion passed unanimously

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Staff received an email from the Municipal Energy Program Coordinator at the Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund alerting committees that the State has proposed to use some of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds to balance the budget. This action could affect energy conservation programs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Solar Panels on Landfill

Discussed status of project. The Town is awaiting a schedule from the consultant. A discussion ensued regarding distribution of power through Eversource and/or Groton Utilities. Two projects in East Lyme reported in the Day were discussed.

2. LED Streetlights

Staff continues to provide information to Tanko to be used in conjunction with the audit. The audit is tentatively scheduled to begin mid-May and complete in 2-3 weeks. Participation of GU and GPS in the audit was discussed.

3. Municipal Energy Policy

Staff recommended that the committee update the Town of Groton Municipal Energy Policy in light of the fact that the goals should be changed based on the Town's adoption of the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge. Information was provided from the Federal, State, and other municipal sources. Staff also recommended that the Year FYE 2009-2010 be used as the baseline year because that is when the Town buildings were bench marked. The committee did not accept these

recommendations and instead asked staff to write a memo to the Town Council recommending that the Town of Groton Municipal Energy Policy Remain unchanged.

#### 4. EV Charging Stations

Staff reported the location of the charging stations at the Annex, Library, and Town Hall. The stations are expected to be operational in mid-May.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mediavilla reported that the energy saved by the solar installations at Navy Housing is approximately 750,000 kWh since their installation and that energy costs have been reduced by approximately 30%.

#### VII. REPORT OF STAFF

Energy Assurance Program – evaluating our emergency generation at the Annex complex

Natural gas – discussions with Eversource and the future of potential gas installations were discussed.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_