

MINUTES
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 10, 2014 – 4:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 1

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Len Mediavilla, Mark Oefinger, Bill Robarge, Rita Schmidt, Zell Steever,
John Sutherland, Bob Yust

Excused: Syma Ebbin, Michael Murphy, Bob Quevreaux, Gary Schneider

Staff: Norris

Schmidt called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of meeting of February 10, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of January 13, 2014 as amended.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Robarge. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Town Energy Efficiency Goals

The Committee reviewed Bob Yust's proposed policy items.

Hiring a grant writer was discussed and the need for political support to do this. The question was asked what other committees have hired grant writers.

Solar Energy Association of Connecticut was discussed.

The potential for microgrids was discussed. One area of interest is the Library, Senior Center, Claude Chester School complex and perhaps some surrounding neighborhoods. Staff was asked to retype the policy items discussed and provide them to the Committee. A discussion of implementing actions would be held at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. POCD – Energy and Sustainability Section

The Energy and Sustainability memo for the POCD was distributed. The Committee was notified of a POCD Steering Committee meeting on March 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex and also a public comment meeting on May 15th.

2. Meeting Day and Time

The Committee discussed the meeting day and time. Schmidt reported that the new RTM representative to the Committee could not make Monday meetings. Monday

and Thursday were decided to be the best days. Staff will poll the Committee members regarding preferred days and times.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF

Staff reported on 2 CLEAR webinars and will distribute information to the Committee.

Staff discussed information received from:

- 1) Integrated Green Solutions regarding energy management.
- 2) Uplands Construction Group regarding a Home Energy Solution (HES) program.
- 3) Chandler, LLC regarding a program similar to C-PACE for municipalities.

All of these items will require follow-up by staff. Staff also provided an evaluation spreadsheet of energy use for the Town's core buildings and reported interest by two parties in installing solar arrays on a 25 acre and a 40 acre parcel.

Mediavilla reported that 3-4 residential solar arrays are in progress in Groton and 6 in Bozrah.

The Committee suggested that it would be informative to visit a solar array.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Prepared by Rick Norris
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