



Clean Energy Commission Regular Meeting

August 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Room 221, Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Opening

- Call to order:
 - *Meeting convened at 7:04*
- Roll Call:
 - *Present – Catherine Diviney, Max Dubuisson, David Mello, Stephen Sack, Bernie Pelletier*
 - *Not Present – Joe Campanella, James Capella, Robert Palmer*
 - *Members of the Public – David Rowe*
- Approval of July 28, 2021 meeting minutes
 - *Minutes approved*

2. Old Business

- Commission reports (standing agenda item)
 - *Plan is now finalized and available on the website*
 - *Other items discussed below*

3. New Business

- a. Update on Sustainable CT application
 - *Catherine filed actions totaling 770 points (400 needed to achieve Silver designation). Town will hear in early Nov.*
- b. HeatSmart and Community Partnership program:
 - MOU to town – awaiting comment
 - *Bernie to respond to Gina Varano and prepare for review by WH Risk Management*
 - Partner search underway (HES/ HES IE/ HVAC partners)
 - *Contacted Aiello, Bantam Wesson, Homestead and awaiting response*
 - *Energy Efficiency Solutions is willing to be a HES / HES IE partner*
 - *Link Mechanical (New Britain) is interested in being a partner*
 - *Continued outreach to find 1 more HES partners, one more ASHP partner, and a GSHP partner*
 - *Begin to find community volunteers to staff HeatSmart Team*
 - Funding
 - *PACE grant – amount TBD*
 - *Apply to Community Partnership for Energy Efficiency Engagement Initiative for funding – potentially with other HeatSmart towns*

- c. Youth representation (school year beginning)
 - *Catherine to draft a request to Conard and Hall for two student representatives from each school*
- d. Return to WEBEX meeting format
 - *In light of COVID resurgence we are going back to virtual meetings.*
- e. Open discussion
 - *Town Manager has expressed interest in a ICLEI GHG inventory*
 - *Catherine reports that the town is opening a staff position to focus on Equity. The Commission discussed how such a position could be useful to our work.*
 - *Stephen Sack and Bernie Pelletier to record first edition of “Energy Matters”*
 - *Next meeting agenda – We should review actions steps in the Energy Plan, and decide which we are working on.*

4. Staff Report

- Energy Updates
 - *Catherine will revisit the use of BioHeat in the town facilities that use oil heat*
- CMAQ EV grant proposal Town Fleet
 - *No news*

5. Public Comment

- *David Rowe expressed interest in working with the Commission.*

6. Adjournment at 8:25 PM

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