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ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD REGULAR MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

14 Park Place, 3rd Floor, Vernon CT
September 27, 2021 at 5:45 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** Meeting of the Energy Improvement District Board was called to order by Chairman Jeff Boulrice at 5:45 pm. Attending virtually was Tom Aitkin and Mark Summers. Also present was Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control, and Leslie Campolongo, Project Coordinator.
- II. **PENDING BUSINESS**
 - a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** May 24, 2021 - Motion made by Chairman Boulrice to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting. Motion seconded by Mark Summers. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. **UConn/Eversource** EPA Portfolio Manager – Ms. Campolongo provided an update to the Board regarding the town's participation in the EPA Portfolio manager. Through a partnership UConn and Eversource, the Town is receiving no-cost, technical assistance to create EPA Portfolio. The portfolio will connect municipal electric and gas meters to a data exchange system. Portfolio Manager is used by 47 Connecticut municipalities including Bolton, Tolland, Manchester and East Hartford. Portfolio Manager offers Energy Tracking, Weather Normalization, Benchmarking and the ability to share data in real time within departments. The Town has provided all electric, gas, fuel and solar information to round out the complete picture of building usage and is also working with the Board of Education to gather the same information to provide to UConn for input.
 - c. **SUSTAINABLE CT Equity Toolkits** – Ms. Campolongo updated the Board regarding the town's Sustainable CT recertification efforts. Discussion of the Board's role as the Sustainability Team took place. Discussion took place regarding action items **10.2.2** - Health impact Assessment, **12.1.3** - Homelessness (Community Conversation) and **13.1.1**- Innovation (The town's vaccination efforts).

Mr. Boulrice proposed the following motion:

MOTION:

The Energy Improvement District Board operating as the town's Sustainable Team has examined the Optimize for Equity Toolkit requirements to build and strengthen municipal processes that are more inclusive, cohesive, and representative of all community members, and does hereby approve the following three equity actions to be used as part of the Town's Silver recertification.

- i. 10.2.2- Health impact Assessment
- ii. 12.1.3 - Homelessness (Community Conversation)
- iii. 13.1.1 - Innovation (The towns vaccination effort)

Motion was seconded by Mark Summers and carried unanimously. Ms. Campolongo will share the Boards approval of these Equity Toolkit with Shaun Gately, Sustainable CT Coordinator.

Mr. Boulrice requested that the Sustainable Team be notified of events that take place regarding these equity actions so that they may be in attendance, if available.

d. **DISCUSSION** – Presentation at November 29, 2021 meeting

Mr. Boulrice reminded the Board of an October 5, 2020 letter to Ms. Sonita Spencer of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection from the EIDB regarding making energy efficiency programs more equitable. As such, Mr. Boulrice would like to invite Ms. Devan Willemsen, Marketing Specialist, Community Engagement, Energy Efficiency (Residential) from Eversource to provide an update to the Board on programs available that might assist our residents. Ms. Campolongo will reach out to Ms. Willemsen to invite her to the November 29, 2021 meeting.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Chairman Boulrice to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tom Aitkin. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm

Respectfully submitted;


Leslie Campolongo
Project Coordinator