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EASTCONN Board of Directors' Special Meeting
July 23rd, 2025 – In-Person and ZOOM
MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:
Michael Morrill - Putnam
Barbara Riley - Pomfret
Sonia Greene - Woodstock
Maryellen Donnelly - Hampton
Justin Phaiah - Brooklyn
Sara Kelley - ZOOM
Amy Blank - ZOOM
Terry Cote - ZOOM
Katherine Paulhus – ZOOM

EASTCONN Staff in Attendance:
Eric Protulis, Brian Greenleaf, Carol Klemyk

Meeting was called to order by Justin Phaiah at 5:20 pm

SOLAR PROJECT REVIEW AND PRESENTATION:

- Examined Solar Projects at EVC (Columbia) and Central Office (Hampton)
- Received quotes from multiple companies
- Looking at Magnet school CIP funds – examining different financing mechanisms
- Combined Columbia and Hampton projects – 430.9kWh of panels (capacity)
- Estimated offset of 534,000kWh in year 1 and 14M kWh over 30 years – renewable energy credits for the next 20 years
- 6,308 metric tons of CO2 avoided
- Total Project Cost is $1.16M
- Financial Benefits:
    - Immediate and Ongoing
    - $1.42M In budget savings
    - $178K of renewable energy credits paid to EASTCONN
    - $349K of tax incentives
- Financing:
    - Blend cash, grants and financing
    - Bring budgetary savings each year
    - Utilize ACT Capital Funding – designated VNM offset

- Final Steps:
  - Finalize the project
  - Financing
  - Tax Incentives
  - Submit application to State of CT for NRES credits by August 1st

Approved the Solar Project as presented and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract

MOTION: **Maryellen Donnelly**
SECOND: **Barbara Riley**
VOTE: **Unanimous**
ABSTENTIONS: **Katherine Paulhus**

The Board of Directors voted to go into Executive Session with Eric Protulis

MOTION: **Sonia Greene made motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:45 pm**
SECOND: **Maryellen Donnelly**
VOTE: **Unanimous**
ABSTENTIONS: **None**

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The Board exited Executive Session at 6:13 pm

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Klemyk
Executive Assistant