

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 16, 2020
1st Floor Meeting Room

PRESENT: Sean Dunn, Dave Butkus, Jennifer Arasimowicz, and Karen Hintz
ABSENT: Sheldon Scott, Tom Ragaini
ALSO PRESENT: Dave Oakes, Greg Hahn (7:20 p.m.) and Ray Rogozinski (7:29 p.m.)

1. Call to Order

Chair Sean Dunn called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes – December 19, 2019

Commissioner Butkus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Arasimowicz to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting. Motion approved. Commissioner Hintz abstained.

4. Discussion on Solar MAP with CT Green Bank - Emily Basham and Mackey Dykes

Mr. Dykes provided background on the Solar MAP program along with an overview of how the purchase between the City and the CT Green Bank would work. Dave Oakes stated he submitted the City and Board of Education buildings to the program already, 32 sites were submitted and 21 passed the initial desktop review. Further review is done of those buildings, site visits, utility bills are reviewed along with additional site information collected and a system would be designed. They are working with 20 other municipalities to form one power purchase agreements arrangement to monetize the tax credits and pass on the reduced electricity price to the towns. The pricing is fixed for a 20 year term. Unless a 10% discount can be delivered it wouldn't be worth it for all parties involved.

5. Discussion on Solar for All - Susan Young, PosiGen

Dave explained this is a program SustainableCT is offering. Emily and Susan work on the Solar for All program for low to moderate income homes. The program was discussed and how it could be introduced to the community, it is a program for owner occupied homes as a lease program with no upfront costs. Discussion was held on the program. Bridgeport, New Haven, Hamden are some of the participating towns already enrolled in the program. Towns interested in participating in the Solar for All campaign should submit a letter of interest to Sustainable CT by February 28th to participate. Discussion will continue at the February Energy Commission meeting

Emily, Susan and Mackey left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

6. Updates by Dave Oakes, Public Facilities & Energy Manager

Dave Oakes provided the Commission with updates:

- The Purchase Order has been issued for the Library LED project
- The steam trap study was completed on 1/2/2020 and the City is awaiting the results, funds are available for repairs
- ARC Solutions is scanned and sorting the utility bills for the Energy Audit
- CT Green Bank has been reviewing sites for Solar, most of the sites are schools but they will be coming to the January meeting to discuss
- Landfill Solar RFPs are due back on January 14th

- LED lighting upgrades were done on the exterior of the Beals Senior Center
- Lindsey Rivers will be continuing with the outdoor classrooms
- Dave is continuing to work on the Sustainable CT application

7. Discussion on Creating an Energy Efficiency Fund

Sean explained Diane Waldron came to the last meeting along with Jodi, they have assisted us with our presentation to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance has requested more information from the Commission to justify the request. Discussion was held on the percentage the Commission should request of funds, it has been decided 100% should be requested initially. Discussion was held on the creation of the Energy Efficiency Fund. A draft memorandum has been prepared for review, Commissioners can send any edits to Sean. The Board of Finance will be meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Arasimowicz made motion seconded by Commissioner Hintz "The Energy Commission issue a letter to the Board of Finance substantially the form of a Memo to the Chairman with such edits and modifications. (in his wisdom as he me deem appropriate) Motion approved.

2. Public Participation

Barry Williams, Vivint Solar – Barry provided information on his company and provided an overview of services offered, he has worked with Fairfield in the past. Vivint offers a PPA instead of a lease program, as well as an ownership program with a customized system for the house. Barry discussed how the program would be rolled out, with an incentive program and he wants to partner with a large retailer such as Home Depot. Sean suggested a formal proposal be drafted which can be forwarded to the Mayor.

8. Any other business

9. Adjournment

10. Any other business

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Arasimowicz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commission Hintz at 8:42 p.m.

*Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary*