

Madison Town Energy and Efficiency Committee
Madison Town Campus, January 22, 2019
MINUTES

Members Present: Woodie Weiss, Chairman, Tracy Juengst, Ron Hick, Gary Naegel, Francis Pullaro, Guy Mannino, Dick Evarts

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Weiss.

2. Review of December 2018 minutes Chairman Weiss wanted to make clear that the Public Utility Regulatory Authority denied the ZREC reconsideration petition for the life of the ZREC program, not for life, as was stated in the minutes, and that there was going to be another try at filing a reconsideration petition that includes a design change of having the ZREC system be ground mounted and see what PURA does with that. Tracy Juengst asked to put on record that she thought the Fuel Cell question at Polson was a bad idea because the voltage on the plates degrade and you cannot turn it off or sell it: you have to use it for the lifetime of the machine and you are stuck with the fuel cell for the lifetime of it. Motion by Francis Pullaro and seconded by Tracy Juengst to approve the December 2018 meeting minutes as amended. This was approved unanimously.

3. Petition to PURA for exemption for DHHS and Polson Denied!

Woodie said another petition for exemption for reconsidering ZRECs, was going to be filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, stating that the ZREC will be ground mounted.

4. Sustainable CT Certified Program. The committee reviewed the Sustainable CT Certification Action Plan under their number 6: Actions under “Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations” for points awarded to towns and cities for sustainable actions taken yearly (see for more information: <https://sustainablect.org/actions-certifications/actions/>).

Section 6. Efficient Physical Infrastructure and Operations •

6.1 Benchmark and Track Energy Use •

6.2 Reduce Energy Use Across All Municipal Buildings •

6.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings •

6.4 Increase Use of Renewable Energy in Municipal Buildings •

6.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan •

6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets (Updated for 2019) •

*6.7 Install Efficient Street Lights - **Completed** •*

6.8 Implement a Community Energy Campaign

Discussion: Chairman Weiss said that he and the town planner, Dave Anderson are going to have a meeting with First Selectmen Tom Banish. He then asked the committee members to review the items in this section of actions and see which ones they would like to participate in individually for this year.

Woodie mentioned that the Arts Barn PV system should come on-line in April, giving us a 170 kw system for the three town buildings. He added that we should work on a municipal energy plan and a community energy campaign to cover 6.4, 6.5, and 6.8. Guy Mannino said he would like to look at section 6.6 Manage Municipal Fleets to see if an EV or two could be purchased as town vehicles. Tracy asked Woodie for a list of what the Town of Madison received points for from last year.

5. Adjournment. After some discussion the committee decided to change the meeting times from third Tuesday at 4 pm to fourth Tuesday at 5 pm. Motion by Francis Pullaro and seconded by Tracy Juengst to change the meetings to fourth Tuesdays at 5 pm. The motion passed unanimously. the meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Abigail White