

Madison Town Energy and Efficiency Committee

Madison Town Campus, February 26, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Woodie Weiss, Chairman, Dick Evarts, Ron Hick, Gary Naegel. Absent: Tracy Juengst, Francis Pullaro, Guy Mannino. Also present David Klein of Klein Golf Range, and Madison residents Suzie Huminski, and Tom Paul

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Weiss.

2. Review of January 2019 minutes Motion by Gary Naegel and seconded by Dick Evarts to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes. This was approved unanimously.

3. Presentation by David Klein regarding his proposed installation of a PV Array at his business. David Klein reviewed the property site plan at his golf range on Durham Road where he signed a lease for a solar farm with interconnection to Eversource electric company. At this time the proposal is under consideration with the State of Connecticut's Siting Council. Mr. Klein said there could be a net-metering option for the town instead of the selling back energy to Eversource. He highlighted features on the 9 ½ acre property and said it has a nice proximity to the Eversource Green Hill Road substation for the interconnection.

4. Petition to PURA for exemption for DHHS and Polson Denied - Update

Woodie said another petition for exemption for reconsidering these two ZRECs was being drafted, and the town attorney talked to a consumer advocacy group to write a letter of support for the new petition. Then the petition is going to be filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, stating that the ZREC will be small ZRECs instead of the large and it will be ground mounted instead of on the roof.

5. Sustainable CT Certified Program. At the last meeting 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/>). Woodie said he met with town planner Dave Anderson and First Selectmen Tom Banish and talked about the Sustainable CT program, and then following that he and Francis Pullaro discussed forming a five-person committee between the Energy and Efficiency Committee, the Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Conservation Commission to actively participate in doing the actions outlined above and have Dave Anderson act as the town liaison to the committee.

5b. Portfolio Manager. A brief discussion about receiving help from Sustainable CT and Eversource with the town's Portfolio Manager software ensued with Chairman Weiss saying he would send a request for support letter to Sustainable CT and that Eversource already offered help with the Portfolio Manager.

5c. Eversource offering funding for energy analysis audits. Chairman Weiss said the town should take advantage of having an in-depth energy audit this year and the town building that would benefit most with an audit is Daniel Hand High School. Eversource will pay 50% up to \$20,000 dollars for an ASHRAE audit (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) that thoroughly goes through the building from looking at the as-built drawings to building and window insulation, with analysis of what's there and suggestions for improvements and what it will save in the long run.

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Abigail White