

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMISSION
Minutes – April 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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The Sustainable Energy Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in Shared Meeting Room 3 of the Municipal Center located at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathy Quinn at 7:04 pm.

Present: Chairman Kathy Quinn, Bryan Dougherty, Mark Sievel, Fred Hurley, Joseph Borst

Absent: Dave Stout, Desiree Galassi, Barbara Toomey

Also Present: Agostino Dell’Oso (Celtic Energy), Ann LoBosco (Clerk), one member of the press.

Communications:

Ms. Quinn stated that Steve Gogliettino did interview with the Republican Town Committee to become a member of the Sustainable Energy Commission. The RTC has a meeting on Monday to make appointments and he will let the commission know of the outcome.

Public Comments: None.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Mr. Sievel indicated that several corrections should be made to the minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes. Under “Acceptance of Minutes” it should read “Mr. Sieval made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting minutes with the correction of...”; under “Solar Projects” the second paragraph should read “The landfill RFP...”; and under “Vendor Selection for SBA Projects” – CL&P (Connecticut Light & Power) should be changed to Eversource.

Mr. Sieval made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2015 with the above mentioned corrections, seconded by Joe Borst and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Solar Projects

Mr. Hurley reported that the landfill RFP is ready and will be advertised next week.

Energy Savings Program Update Discussion with Celtic Energy

Middle Gate School

Ms. Quinn introduced Mr. Dell'Oso from Celtic Energy and reported the IGA was done and all the projects have been identified. Some of the work has been done at Middle Gate School. The lighting has been looked at as well as looking at changing the boiler over from oil to gas. Ms. Quinn stated that there are many opportunities to save money but there is no progress because of work schedules of board members and she is looking for help in that regard.

Ms. Quinn stated that Mr. Dell'Oso was asked to be here so the board can bounce ideas off him and see where Celtic Energy may be able to help and to get a quote for those services. Mr. Dell'Oso pointed out that his company is strictly independent and will act on the best interests of clients. There is a lot included in the IGA that Aresco put together and Mr. Dell'Oso said his company can help prioritize projects. Mr. Hurley stated that essentially they want to buy project management services by building. Some will be SBA. Gino Faiella (Facilities Director) is now available and wants us to work on Middle School as well. The issue of natural gas is alive in both buildings. The objective is to get this work packaged and take a list of qualified vendors and put an RFP out to them. Mr. Hurley said they are looking to package projects to get the maximum benefit.

Mr. Dell'Oso said he can put together an outline of his services. Ms. Quinn pointed out that he still has the work that was done by Aresco. With respect to LEDs, Kathy would like to see all lighting become LED.

Vendor Selection for Small Business Advantage (SBA) Projects

Mr. Hurley said it would be ideal to get existing vendors who are already qualified with the town. Mr. Dell'Oso agreed that he likes local sourcing and will put a framework and estimate together.

Street Lighting

Street lighting is being added to the portfolio and proposals are being gathered. It will be looked at it to see if it will be a benefit to the town.

April 23rd Meeting with Bridgeport Eco-Tech Park Reps

The Eco Tech Park in Bridgeport is a green energy corporate park. There is a meeting scheduled next Thursday with a Bridgeport representative who can provide a powerpoint presentation. Some of the invitees include Dr. Erardi and Tim Haas (Chamber of Commerce), and others from Monroe and Trumbull. Betsy Paynter from Economic & Community Development is unavailable but will find someone who can attend. Mr. Hurley said Bridgeport has reduced their carbon footprint for the whole city by 5%.

Earth Day

Mr. Hurley stated that the transfer station is switching over officially on May 1st to a container for mattresses. The collection of mattresses on May 2nd for Earth Day will be a good PR event to learn about this new container.

Outreach to Schools

Ms. Quinn spoke with Keith Alexander and he will be looking for a liaison from the Board of Education to attend the SEC meetings.

Municipal Energy Plan

Ms. Quinn doesn't have anything new to report.

Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Ms. Quinn has the data and will be pulling information together.

Transition Movement

No update.

Adjournment:

Mr. Borst made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sievel. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting will occur on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Newtown Municipal Center in Shared Meeting Room 3.

Respectively submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco, Clerk