



**Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean and Sustainable Energy  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
October 21, 2020  
Special Meeting**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairmen Weiner called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present were Committee Members; Neil Chaudhary, Jeffrey Dyreson, Barbara Peyton, George Slate, Eric Weiner, and Elizabeth Yetman. Pamela Stratton joined at 6:48 p.m.

Staff: Peter Souza, Town Manager; Scott Colby, Assistant Town Manager

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**3. COMMENTS FROM TASK FORCE MEMBERS**

Eric Weiner opened up a conversation between committee members regarding what they would like to see the committee achieve, their thoughts on goals and objectives.

Neil Chaudhary stated that he contacted the CT League of Conservation Voters and they would be happy to come and present to the committee after the election.

Jeffrey Dyreson discussed how he is working students regarding climate legislation. He asked if these students could potentially be involved with the committee and community outreach.

Barbara Peyton is looking for a community that part of the Ready for 100 campaign that is similar to Windsor in population and size.

George Slate had looked into Marbletown, NY and had some comments pertaining to solar panels.

Elizabeth Yetman has looked into electric busses in West Hartford. They discussed cost, how they went about purchases, and the grants available.

**4. PURA & NEW ENGLAND ISO**

Mr. Weiner participated in virtual forums with PURA and New England ISO. Mr. Weiner will be reaching out to see if they would be able to provide a presentation to the Task Force.

**5. REPORTS FROM THE TASK FORCE ON OUTREACH TO LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY/SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEES**



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Mr. Slate reached out to Enfield but they pointed him in the direction to look at Marbletown, New York.

Mr. Dyreson has reached out to a few contacts in West Hartford and is waiting to hear back. He mentioned that West Hartford included information in their Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) and also incorporated their Social Services Department. They have a paid staff member working with the board.

Mr. Chaudhary reached out to Middletown and spoke with the chair of their energy committee who provided him with some history. It was stated that their energy committee began with municipal changes and then expanded their focus to commercial and residential. They have an Energy Coordinator which is a part-time contract position working with this committee.

Ms. Yetman is still working to get in contact with South Windsor.

## **6. CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Ms. Yetman will reach out to Mr. Colby in regards to social media promotion ideas for the energy audit program.

## **7. DISCUSS POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

In the future, the committee would like to have representatives from PACE, PURA, ISO New England, and the CT League of Conservation Voters provide a presentation to the group. The group will continue to research and review potential diagnostic tools.

## **8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Mr. Slate seconded by Mr. Chaudhary to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting as presented.

Motion Passed 7-0-0

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mr. Slate and seconded by Mr. Weiner to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Motion Passed 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Colby Jr.  
Assistant Town Manager