



**Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean and Sustainable Energy
VIRTUAL MEETING
November 18, 2020
Special Meeting**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairmen Weiner called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present were Committee Members; Neil Chaudhary, Jeffrey Dyreson, Barbara Peyton, George Slate, Eric Weiner, and Elizabeth Yetman, and Pamela Stratton.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

3. COMMUNICATIONS 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.

Barbara Peyton is continuing to research some other communities. Recently she has been looking into the New York Clean Communities Program.

Pamela Stratton has been reading through the shared materials. She was looking to the group for some more guidance and direction as the group moves forward.

George Slate continued to look into Marbletown, NY. He also discussed items focusing on equity.

Elizabeth Yetman gathered more research in regards to the home energy savings audits.

Eric Weiner also opened up discussion on what the group should begin to focus on for the draft plan.

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

Neil Chaudhary had spoken with the Middletown Energy Coordinator in regards to that position and what some of the responsibilities include. He stated that the position focused on advocacy and finding ways to save money for the community.



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Jeffrey Dyreson talked with West Hartford clean energy members. They discussed the Energy Coordinator position and what it entails. Their approach to drafting a plan was also discussed.

Elizabeth Yetman followed up with South Windsor's clean energy chair who discussed their approach for renewable electric as well as their use of virtual net metering.

5. GOVERNOR COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

Leticia Colon de Mejias provided a presentation on Energy Justice as part of the Governor's Council on Climate Change.

Mr. Weiner wanted the task force to be aware of these before a plan is finalized.

6. CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Yetman is working with Mr. Colby in regards to social media promotion ideas for the energy audit program.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. Slate seconded by Ms. Peyton to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting as presented.

Motion Passed 7-0-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ms. Yetman and seconded by Mr. Slate to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Motion Passed 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Colby Jr.
Assistant Town Manager