



**Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean and Sustainable Energy
VIRTUAL MEETING
December 16, 2020
Special Meeting**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman 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, Elizabeth Yetman, and Pamela Stratton.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

3. PACE PRESENTATION

Mike Scully and Bernard Pelletier provided a presentation as representatives from PACE: Forging a Pathway to a 100% Renewable Energy Future.

After the presentation Melissa Kops asked if this was assuming there would be no utility costs.

Mr. Pelletier replied that this is including grid cost upgrades only and there would be additional costs with this.

Susan Miller inquired about microgrids and asked if the town wanted to build one, what would they have to do?

Mr. Pelletier suggested the town starts to scope it out now because costs are decreasing for micorgrids.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Elizabeth Yetman has been working with staff on HES information for the website and social media. Home Energy Solutions (HES) assessment program is run by EnergizeCT and includes a safety inspection, installation of efficient specialty lights, installation of low flow shower heads & faucets, testing and sealing of heating and cooling ductwork and systems, blower door test and prioritized foam air sealing, installation of quality door kits, caulking of windows, a full report of services, ROI energy saving upgrade report and rebates. Currently all HES assessments are free to all homeowners who have not had one within the last 3 years. The co-pay will increase to \$50 on April 1, 2021. Low income homeowners who qualify will still be able to get a free assessment after April 1, 2021. Residents can get an energy assessment and about \$1,000 worth in



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on-the-spot energy fixes through the Home Energy Solutions Assessment which is available to eligible customers at no-cost for a limited time. Residents may also receive up to 100% off approved insulation projects recommended during their visit. Residents can visit <https://townofwindsorct.com/commissions/energize-ct-home-energy-solutions/> for more information.

Barbara Peyton stated that she is still looking into other communities and feels as though Connecticut is ahead of some other states and communities. She also mentioned that she agreed with Ms. Yetman's idea of reaching out to faith based groups for the HES information.

Neil Chaudhary discussed that he would be reaching out to the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters for a future meeting.

Jeffrey Dyreson asked if the task force needed to discuss waste and compost.

George Slate discussed the idea of how to move forward.

Eric Weiner stated that he will be reaching out to all task force members to gather input as the task force prepares to begin the draft plan.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Ms. Peyton seconded by Mr. Chaudhary to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting as presented.

Motion Passed 7-0-0

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mr. Slate and seconded by Mr. Chaudhary to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Motion Passed 7-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Colby Jr.
Assistant Town Manager