



**Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean and Sustainable Energy
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON IN ROSE ROOM AT TOWN HALL
March 1, 2022
Special Meeting**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Task Force Member Eric Weiner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Task Force Members Neil Chaudhary, Jeff Dyreson, and George Slate.

Staff: Peter Souza, Town Manager; Scott Colby, Assistant Town Manager, Jim Burke, Economic Development Coordinator; Flavia Rey de Castro, Community Development Specialist.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

3. COMMUNICATION FROM TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Mr. Weiner invited Molly Kiick and Clare Doyle Dowd from BlocPower to give a presentation to the group on building electrification and clean energy.

Mr. Slate discussed a few articles that he had sent to the group. He also provided comments on small nuclear power plants, fuel cells, and the tax abatement policy and how it relates to clean energy goals.

Mr. Dyreson had nothing to report.

Mr. Chaudhary had nothing to report.

4. Update on American Rescue Funds Energy Efficiency Program

Ms. Rey de Castro and Mr. Burke provided an update in regards to the potential energy efficiency program and rehabilitation program as part of the American Rescue Funding. They have been communicating with Jeff Dyreson, Eversource and some Home Energy Solutions (HES) program participants.

It is proposed that \$200,000 be allocated towards this initiative. The initiative aims to incentivize income eligible homeowners to take advantage of the energy efficiency programs currently available such as Eversource's Home Energy Solutions (HES) and Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible (HES-IE) programs, by providing funding to close a financial gap. Eligible work includes window replacement, insulation, heating systems and water heaters. Eligible homeowners would have access to up to \$5,000 of



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funds per unit. Thirty-five units could be completed after accounting for program management and administrative costs.

Mr. Weiner asked Leticia Colon de Mejias to speak about some of the programs that are offered in Connecticut to households.

5. Discussion on Potential Energy Coordinator

Town Manager Souza provided an update on what the potential energy coordinator scope of work could look like. Areas to focus on could include gathering the baseline data, exploring the conversion of town fleet, formalizing an energy plan, assisting with grant opportunities, assisting with special projects and solar. The task force liked this approach and the areas of focus.

6. STAFF REPORT – None

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Mr. Slate and seconded by Mr. Chaudhary to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting with an amendment.

Motion Passed 3-0-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mr. Slate and seconded by Ms. Yetman to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Motion Passed 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Colby Jr.
Assistant Town Manager