



**Public Building Commission Meeting with Citizen Advisory Task Force on
Clean and Sustainable Energy
VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON IN LUDLOW ROOM AT TOWN HALL
April 12, 2022
Special Meeting**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rick Hazelton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public Building Commission Members Present: Chairman Rick Hazelton, Deputy Chairman Gary Johnson, Commissioners Lee Alford – via Zoom, Jim Bennett, Rusty Peck, Alternates George Roebelen.

Public Building Commission Member Absent: Alternate George Bolduc.

Also Present: Peter Souza – Town Manager, Scott Colby – Assistant Town Manager, Whit Przech - Building & Facilities Manager, Jennifer Bretas – Public Building Commission Recording Secretary, Chuck Waterfield – Windsor Board of Education – via Zoom, Paul Goldberg - Windsor Fire Department Administrator – via Zoom, Jim Russo of J.R. Russo LLC - Clerk of the Works – via Zoom, Joe Salamone of Salamone & Associates, Sherman Taylor – Salamone & Associates – via Zoom, Kaz - Cost Analyst for Construction Projects – via Zoom.

Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean & Sustainable Energy Members Present: Neil Chaudhary, Jeff Dyreson, and George Slate, Eric Weiner and Elizabeth Yetman.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Miller, 130 Palisado Avenue – Spoke about concerns of fossil fuel infrastructure. She is hoping that not only we look at the cost, but look at the lifecycle cost for the duration of the equipment. She offered a process suggestion about presenting the projects to the Town Council.

3. DISCUSSION WITH PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

A discussion was held with the Clean Energy Task Force on ways to integrate alternative energy into town facilities. Town Manager, Peter Souza, started the Special Meeting off with an overview of why we are all here and for all of us to better understand each other's concerns on moving forward for an Energy Efficient Town. Susan Miller of Windsor was first to have the floor to voice her concerns as a town resident on clean energy issues and for moving away from the use of fossil fuels, by looking into more greener sustainable energy sources. Gary Johnson addressed one of Susan's concerns by stating that the PBC does their very best to make sure each job is



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approached analytically, cost effectively and are sustainable. About 8 years ago the PBC started conversions from oil to gas, because these systems keep getting more and more efficient and the controls are getting better, easier to use as well. Electric is very expensive and is not a fully green fuel source in that it uses fossil fuels. Peter Souza added that the PBC is charged by the Town Charter to do exactly what they are doing as stated by Gary Johnson. Each building's heating and cooling systems are uniquely different and as such are analytically and logistically studied and designed to best suit each structure to run efficiently. During the entire meeting George Slate voiced his concerns about bonding issues for multiple projects. All in all, the Clean Energy Task Force has a better understanding on how and what the PBC works towards on achieving the best for the Town of Windsor and its residents. The PBC has a better understanding of what the residents really want to know about all the choices that the Commission discusses on each project.

4. STAFF REPORT – None

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mr. Peck and seconded by Mr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion Passed 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

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Assistant Town Manager