WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting, Tuesday January 21st, 2020 Comstock Community Center, Room 31 7:00 pm Minutes

Members Present:

Dave Heiden, Glenn Hemmerle, Rich Hubli, Nicole Murphy (via phone) and Peter Wrampe

Members Absent: Eileen Griffin, Rudi Hoefling

1. Calling the Meeting to Order: 7:01 pm

2. Changes to Published Agenda: None

- 3. Approval for Minutes of November 19th meeting by a vote of 4-0-1 abstention (Nicole Murphy)
 - Approved: Glenn Hemmerle, Rich Hubli, and Peter Wrampe
 - Abstained: Nicole Murphy (not present at the November 19th meeting)
 - Absent for vote: Eileen Griffin and Rudi Hoefling
- 4. Update on school solar installations (Chris Burney)
 - Since installation in 2018, the solar systems have produced a total of 1,110 MW

Middlebrook: 588 MWhMiller Driscoll: 522 MWh

- We need to find a better way to monitor the performance of the systems so as to take action if
 the output pf a panel or set of panels decreases. Action: Nicole and Richard to investigate
 how best to monitor the systems in real time and advise Chris
- The VNM systems in Middletown are operational and the town is receiving.....

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5. Confirmations:

- **Approval** of downsizing of WEC from 9 to 7 by a **vote of 5:0**
- **2020 Meeting Dates:** Every 3rd Tuesday of the month; 7:00 pm, Comstock, Rm. 31

6. Update on Status of Action Items from last or previous meetings:

- Eileen: Contact Kevin to obtain his "Parking Lot" listing on our participation in the WGG
 Zero Waste Faire event. Done
- **Eileen:** To see what "advertisement" material is available from our participation last year **Pending**
- **Glenn:** Talk to Mr. Hunter at the HS to see if we can have some students to do some market research on solar carports. **Done.**
 - HS Freshmen Vihan Jayawardhane and Joshua Zheng attended our meeting and volunteered to:
 - a. Investigate solar carports for the WEC (under the guidance of **David Heiden**)
 - b. Be available to assist in the monitoring of the school solar systems (under the guidance of Rich Hubli)
- **Peter:** Invite Chris to our next meeting. **Done**

Peter: To source solar related display items that would attract visitors to stop and talk to us **In Progress**

- Peter: Contact Patti Temple and/or Dave Waters to let them know that / determine how WEC can be of use to the Building Committee. Done. Will follow up with Dave/Patti once Police HQ project is approved.
- Richard: Identify and talk to solar and other energy related vendors to gauge interest in participating in the Faire and set up their table in close proximity to the WEC table. Ross Solar comes to mind. Contacted a number of companies but has not received any response.
- 7. Continued discussion on agreed upon WEC participation in Zero Waste Faire on Sunday, March 29th, 2020.
 - **Dave t**o put together a poster showing the accomplishments of the WEC over the years
 - Nicole (and Perter)
 - to source solar related items that will attract visitors to our table (Dave already provided one item)
- 8. Continued update on our Individual Focus Areas for 2019 (and going into 2020) All:
 - Peter: Update and maintain the Star Energy Manager. Oil entries have been updated.
 Next step is to have Eversource update the electricity consumptions

- 9. Identification of Collective Focus Area where our commission can have a significant impact on the Town of Wilton and its residents.
 - Solar Car Parks at the schools and other municipal areas:
 - Brainstorm ideas where the WEC can add the most value to the town and look at what other towns are doing. **Topic for February 18**th **meeting**
- 10. Members comment:
 - Peter: Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF) program (Community Solar)
 - **Peter:** Received email from Rudi Hoefling that he was resigning from the WEC
- 11. Public comment: None
- 12. Next Meeting: 3rd Tuesday, Feburary 18th at 7:00 pm (Comstock, Room 31)
- 13. Adjournment: **8:24pm**