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Attendees: Patrice Gillespie, Gil Bray (left at 8:00pm), Glenn Hemmerle, Philip Murphy (arrived 20 minutes late), Debra Thompson-Van, Bruce Hampson, Richard Creeth and Peter Wrampe.

Absent: Gil Hollander, Chris Burney

Other attendees: Kevin Gardinar

Minutes

1. Debra Thompson Van called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Minutes from May 24 WEC meeting were approved. Richard Creeth moved, Peter Wrampe second, no abstains however Phil Murphy was not present when the minutes were reviewed.
3. Minutes from May 31 WEC Subcommittee meeting were approved. Peter Wrampe moved, Richard Creeth second. All other members abstained as they were not at subject meeting.
4. No public comment made.
5. Chris Burney was at Fire station meeting and Mark Robbins took ill last minute. Therefore, Debra Thompson-Van gave an update based on notes from her call earlier that day with Chris Burney as follows:
 - a. PPA contract not yet signed. Complexity in the process appears to be the number of parties involved in the contracting process and the Greenbank/Blackstone Onyx terms being more suited for commercial (not municipal) customers. Projection was to achieve successful signatures in 2 ½ weeks.
 - b. Interconnection application was filed approximately 1 week-10 days previously with Eversource. No further information known at that time about the application.

- c. Chris indicated he had a conversation with the BOE and approval had been given to continue Solar installation after start of school. Glenn Hemmerle was not aware of this agreement.
 - d. As it was anticipated Mark Robbins was providing an update, no other information or clarity was available to share.
6. Debra updated that the WHS ZREC application had been submitted by Mark Robbins at \$110 as previously approved at the May 24th WEC meeting. It was noted that Chris Burney had sent an email showing there was an issue with the application. (The next day the ZREC issue was addressed and resolved).
 7. Debra Thompson-Van and Patrice Gillespie gave an update on an Energy Resiliency and Microgrid meeting they had attended that had been hosted by CT Greenbank. They said the discussion was about a range of energy resiliency solutions of which microgrids is one solution. It was discussed that this topic required participation by other Town officials, including those who create and maintain the FEMA and disaster recovery plans. Debra agreed to send the materials she had received to the rest of the WEC and to meet with Chris Burney to review this and plan the next steps. Debra and Patrice are to bring experts to the next meeting.
 8. Residential HES topic was deferred to next meeting.
 9. Richard led a discussion about the WEC organization and membership, including his and Bruce Hampson imminent term limit and subsequent departures. Bruce Hampson shared a letter he had submitted with his early resignation to the first selectman and BOS. He commented that the nature of the work required the right skills and committed active participation as a WEC member in order for the WEC to execute it's mission. Priorities and structure of the WEC going forward was discussed and agreed that future members should have a role aligned to one of the priorities of the WEC. Further, it was discussed that the role of 2 co-chairs and 1 vice chair had left little leadership roles for the vice chair. It was discussed that the vice chair role would be eliminated and the go forward organization would have 2 co-chairs. Richard agreed to take the lead to write a letter to the First Selectman and Board of Selectman outlining the WEC membership requirements.
 10. Peter Wrampe gave an update with the assistance of Patrice Gillespie of the WGG meeting he attended. It was his first WGG meeting so more to follow on the future work and priorities that WEC and WGG would pursue.
 11. Phil Murphy took the lead on the communication subject and is to bring a plan with specific recommendations to the next meeting. He noted specifically that the WEDC had meaningful online content, that which WEC has lacked.
 12. No public comment.
 13. Debra adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm.