WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION Meeting, Tuesday April 16, 2019 Comstock Community Center, RM 31 7:00 pm Minutes

Attending WEC Members: Peter Wrampe, Kevin Gardiner, Anna Marie Bilella, Eileen Griffin, Rich Hubli

Absent WEC Members: Dave Heiden, Glenn Hemmerle, Nicole Murphy, Rudi Hoefling

Other Attendees: None

- 1. Peter Wrampe called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
- 2. Agenda reviewed, with no motions to add topics.
- 3. **Approval of minutes** of March 19, 2019 regular meeting. First, Kevin Gardiner; Second, Eileen Griffin; minutes approved unanimously, with no abstentions.
- 4. **Status of Action Items for March 19, 2019 WEC Meeting:** Peter made a motion to defer this topic to the May Meeting, at which time we hope to have a larger group. First by Rich Hubli, Second by Anna Maria Bilella. All in favor with no abstentions.
 - i. **Group** review page 2 of Peter's handout, and propose any edits/corrections
 - ii. **Glenn** to find out who the contractor for WHS Solar project will be now that Kingspan no longer does business in Connecticut.
 - iii. **Group** review POCD items that are connected to WEC (Lead or Support) and volunteer to be a Responsible Supporter on any of the items.
- 5. **Focus Area of WEC**. Peter made a motion to defer this topic to the May Meeting, at which time we hope to have a larger group. First by Rich Hubli, Second by Anna Marie Bilella. All in favor with no abstentions.

6. Brainstorming and/or Review:

- i. Rich Retrofit of town streetlights to dim based on peak/non-peak time periods. Rich is going to arrange to have Leo Smith from Dimulator present for approximately 15 minutes in May. **Done**
- ii. Rich "Sponsor" a full court effort on residential conversion to LED Bulbs. Some ideas include:
 - Post a banner on our Website
 - Consider a mailer
 - Should be a topic at future Fairs

Action Item: Rich to provide the first draft of the benefits, and send to Kevin for input/edits. Done

iii. Eileen - Round two (2) of three (3) of VW Settlement Funds – No date has been set by "the powers to be", but will be provided in the next "few" months and we'll have 60-90 days to reply. CT will get ~\$55MM, has to be spent on reducing Air Pollution.

Possible Consideration

- Start drafting a shovel-ready proposal now so that we are prepared to respond within 90 days.
- Some ideas for the RFP:
 - Use the funds to purchase an energy efficient/low pollution truck for the town or electrifying one or more school buses
 - Electric/Energy Efficient Train Shuttle
 - Upgrade the Dial-a-Ride vehicle, or an additional vehicle, to be electric

Action Items:

- Eileen (or Peter) to speak with Chris Burney to see if there are any DPW vehicles needs in the immediate or near term.
- Eileen to loop in Deb McFadden and the right people in town to see if there is any interest in participating and putting together an RFP.

7. Review of Zero Waste Faire:

Group - Great turn out overall. At future fairs, WEC should include a focal point for raising awareness to draw more attention and promote our cause(s). Some ideas:

- Consider a give-away (X number of LED bulbs for raffle winner) and/or a focal topic.
- Encourage a solar manufacturer or installer to setup a booth next to the WEC Table.
- Giveaway solar-powered toy cars?

8. Sustainable CT Update:

Kevin – will be submitting 100 points on or before the May 2, 2019 early submission deadline. Lynne Vanderslice has arranged for us to get an intern for the summer to help complete the remainder of our submission for *Sustainable CT Bronze Status*. Kevin and/or the intern will be reaching out to WEC members late May –early August for assistance getting the final points needed (100 points or more) for the August 30, 2019 final submission deadline.

- 9. **Member comment** Peter Review the recently added WEC webpage on the town server http://www.wiltonct.org/energy-commission for corrections, additions, and deletions and provide Peter with your feedback,
- 10. **Public comment** None
- 11. **Adjournment:** 8:00 PM

ACTION ITEMS AND PARKING LOT

Action Items from April 16 (differed to May 21), 2019 WEC Meeting:

- i. **Group** review page 2 of Peter's handout, and propose any edits/corrections
- ii. **Glenn** to find out who the contractor for WHS Solar project will be now that Kingspan no longer exists.
- iii. **Group** review POCD items that are connected to WEC (Lead or Support) and volunteer to be a Responsible Supporter on any of the items.

Action Items from May 21, 2019 WEC Meeting:

- iv. **Rich** Arrange Dimulator Presentation at May 21 Meeting **Done**
- v. **Rich** Provide first draft of LED "full court press" to Kevin **Done**
- vi. **Kevin** Update on Sustainable CT early submission. Did we receive feedback yet? If yes, how many more points do we need?
- vii. **Group WEC webpage**
 - a. Review the recently added WEC webpage on the town server <u>http://www.wiltonct.org/energy-commission</u> for corrections, additions, and deletions and provide Peter with your feedback.
 - b. Provide Peter ideas on accomplishments of 2018 to include on the website.
- viii. **Peter** confirm whether the Town will allow a WEC Dropbox with limited and authenticated access for file storage.

Ideas for Zero Waste Faire 2020 Parking Lot:

- i. LED Bulbs
- ii. A Giveaway?
- iii. Encourage Solar Installers to setup tables in our vicinity