

ENERGY COMMISSION

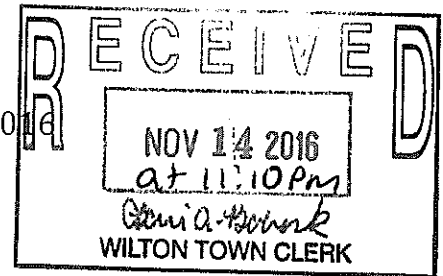
TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

203-563-0100



Debra Thompson-Van
Richard Creeth
Co-Chairs
Peter Wrampe
Vice Chairman
Gil Bray
Patrice Gillespie
Bruce Hampson
Glenn Hemmerle
Christina Lampe-Onnerud

WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting, Wednesday September 28, 2016
Library, Presidents Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes



Members Present: Debra Thompson-Van, Richard Creeth, Peter Wrampe, Gil Bray, Patrice Gillespie, Bruce Hampson, Glenn Hemmerle

Members Absent: Christina Lampe-Onnerud

Guests: Chris Burney and resident Erin Schlechter

1. Debra called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. Decisions taken and Minutes documents from 8/22/16 WEC meeting were approved. Motion made by Richard and 2nd by Glen.
3. Debra gave an update on the status of the Municipal Solar program to clarify that she directed Eversource to modify the ZREC award documents to reflect Chris Burney, not herself, as the primary owner and contact for future communications. Further she clarified she will continue to act as the WEC Project Manager for the Municipal Solar Project.
4. Chris Burney gave an update on further investigations he had conducted for the Municipal Solar Project as follows:
 - The purchase agreement with TransCanada expires December of 2018. The current contract allows for 1.5MWh/ per year of alternative energy. The new Solar on Miller Driscoll and Middlebrook will be about 50% of that allowance.
 - Regarding the status of the RFP. Upon further analysis of the town's capabilities to manage major solar installations, Chris determined the better approach would be to issue a single RFP and award the RFP based on the best PPA pricing. He gained support from the First Selectman. This new strategy combines the step of assessing the structural and roofing integrity

of the Miller Driscoll and Middlebrook schools; with the RFP that would solicit proposals from Solar Vendors, CT Greenbank, and other parties as appropriate.

5. Richard Creeth and Peter Wrampe reviewed the Financial modeling work that compares PPA vs. Purchase approach. The financial analysis was very complete and allowed the WEC to make a recommendation to proceed with bringing the analysis to the BOS for the Tuesday Oct 4, 2016 BOS meeting.
 - Specifically, Richard moved the WEC recommend the PPA Acquisition strategy vs. the buy/own/operate model. This was seconded by Glen, all attending members approved. This decision was subsequently modified to the WEC recommending the CT Greenbank PPA Acquisition strategy. Bruce moved to accept this version, Glen seconded, All Members approved.
 - Given this differs from the Decisions taken in the August 22, 2016 WEC meeting, Bruce moved to strike the previous decision taken to follow this new direction, Glen seconded, all attending members approved.
6. Bruce Hampson gave an update on the LED relamping for the Town Hall campus. The project successfully completed. Accommodations for individual preferences on lighting was made. The only outstanding issue is to receive the check for the grant from the State of CT Greenbank organization. Patrice is preparing communications to make the community aware of this new enhancement.
7. Gil Bray gave an update on the Wilton Economic Development commission. He cited Oct 12 as the next round of presentations to be presented, then brought to the BOS on Oct 17, and then a Town meeting at Tracksides on Oct 17.
8. Richard Creeth and Peter Wrampe gave an update on the Membership process. Peter Wrampe, Debra Thompson-Van and Patrice Gillespie are all set to expire. Gil Bray expired in Nov 2015, and has yet to be reinstated. Bruce Hampson and Glen Hemmerle will term out in Nov 2017. Further, it was noted that the approval of a new member has been delayed due to confusion within the Town Hall regarding the process and current membership. The impact is Fall Seminars are not scheduled as there is no resource to do that. It has now been confirmed the WEC has an open seat. We also had a discussion about the differences in process between the RTC and the DTC for new member nomination and approval. Further we discussed that the process needs to ensure the Chairperson(s) of the Energy Commission are consulted about the membership prior to the BOS meetings. Richard Creeth is to schedule the appropriate meetings in Town Hall to close this topic out.
9. Debra called the meeting to a close at 9:00pm.