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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting, Wednesday November 29, 2017
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7:00 pm
Minutes

Attending WEC members: Debra Thompson- van, Kevin Gardiner, Patrice Gillespie, Glenn Hemmerle, Jim Jarvie, Peter Wrampe, AnnaMarie Bilella,

Absent WEC members: Gil Hollandar, Phil Murphy

Other Attendees: Chris Burney, Lorenzo Wyatt, Boy Scout & Mother from Troop 20

1. Debra Thompson Van called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Approval of minutes of October 25, 2017 regular meeting – First Glenn Hemmerle, Second – Patrice Gillespie, All in favor.
3. The meeting agenda was amended as follows: 1) Member Comments and 2) WEC Website topics were added. The order of the agenda was changed as Chris Burney was arriving later in the meeting and Home Comfort Practice was present to review the HES topic for WGG. Peter Wrampe made the motion, Glenn Hemmerle second, all in favor to modify.
4. Lorenzo Wyatt from Home Comfort Practice shared a flyer for Income Eligible Home Energy Services that will be distributed at the Wilton Food Pantry.
 - a. The program is funded by the State Energy Efficiency Fund, which every CT resident pays into as part of their regular monthly energy bill. Patrice Gillespie indicated that the CT Greenbank marketing funds would no longer be available, thereby affecting the planned mailing.
 - b. WEC members provided feedback to make the flyer more aesthetically pleasing, and to make the message of “free” and “what is included in the weatherization” stand out more.
 - c. Lorenzo will make changes to the flyer based on WEC feedback, and AnnaMarie will give the final approval to Lorenzo.
 - d. Debra Thompson-Van read from a note provided by Daphne Dixon regarding the upcoming events and timeline. It was suggested that WGG should participate in the Dec WEC meeting to finalize the HES program and how to communicate it given the above-mentioned funding issue.

5. Review of Deep 2017 Comprehensive Energy Strategy priorities.
 - a. Jim Jarvis volunteered to lead the C-PACE program for Wilton.
 - b. Glenn Hemmerle volunteered to lead a Gas line expansion program with Yankee Gas. Anna Marie offered to be involved as well.
 - c. Peter Wrampe volunteered to lead a residential solar program.
 - d. Debra Thompson-Van will continue to oversee the municipal solar program.
 - e. It was agreed to wait to name an owner for the Resiliency program until more clarity about Wilton's Town priorities could be determined.
6. Review of Debra Thompson-Van's minutes from the Clean Energy Accelerator Program meeting on November 16, 2017.
 - a. Meeting was organized and led by Melissa Everest at the Clean Water Fund.
 - b. 9 Towns were present to share best practices and ideas
 - c. Energy Resiliency, adding "Energy" into town plans for Conservation & Development, and transitioning towns away from fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy by a given date (including residential vehicles) were the key topics discussed. It was suggested the WEC should participate in Wilton's POCD planning as well to bring forward these best practices.
7. WEC Website was not active for a year, and was down for approximately 6 months.
 - a. Peter Wrampe successfully got the website back up and running
 - i. All WEC member names and emails are listed
 - ii. Peter Wrampe would like to update the site with 2017 accomplishments, and recommended that we regularly add new content to the website.
8. Chris Burney provided an update on the School Solar Project.
 - a. Middlebrook and Miller-Driscoll have equipment on site, and are mobilizing. With continued good weather, they expect roof work to be completed by December 25, 2017.
 - b. Weather permitting, they will be able to start on Wilton High School in February, 2018.
 - c. Cider Mill has been approved for a small ZREC.
 - i. Chris will present to the Board of Selectmen for approval on December 4, 2017. Must be signed and sent to EverSource by Dec 8, 2017.
 - d. The WEC team thanked Chris Burney, Lynne Vanderslice, the consultants Mark Robbins and Dwayne Escola for their commitment and determined follow through on this very important project.
9. Public Comment- none
10. Member Comment- Patrice G advised the WEC that the Eversource/CT Greenbank funding had been reallocated to State budget gaps... yet approximately 65% funding remained (TBC) and CT Greenbank expected to continue with a ZREC/LREC program (TBC)
11. Debra Thompson-Van called the meeting to adjourn at 9:00pm. Peter Wrampe 2nd.