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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting, Monday, July 29th, 2019
Comstock Community Center – Room 31

7:00 pm

Minutes

Attending WEC Members (6): Peter Wrampe, Kevin Gardiner, Eileen Griffin, Glenn Hemmerle, Anna Marie Bilella, Nicole Murphy

Absent WEC Members (3): Rich Hubli, Dave Heiden, and Rudi Hoefling

Other Attendees (3) : Debra Thompson-Van, and Kendra Beaver, Chadwick Schroeder (both of Sustainable CT and embedded in WestCOG)

1. Peter Wrampe called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Agenda reviewed. No changes requested.
3. **Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 16th, 2019.** So moved by Anna Marie Bilella, seconded by Glenn Hemmerle.

Vote: 5-0-1 abstention (Eileen Griffin).

4. **Sustainable CT Update -** Invited Guests: Debra-Thompson-Van, Kendra, and Chadwick

Based on the 45 points already approved, and updates to the 55 points that were previously rejected, and the current “commitments”, we are targeting 220 points. This is more than the 200 points needed, but leaves little margin for error (given that Lynne can no longer commit to 2.11.1A & B (Green Grounds), which total 25 points).

There is also potential for additional 75 points if POCD edits are requested, which could bring our submission up to a possible total of 295 point.

Peter Wrampe “pushed back” on the 4 actions in section 6 where he and Chris Burney are the owners. Peter is still getting his head around the requirements and will confirm by August 6th how many (if any) of the 45 points from section 6 he can commit to providing to Debra by August 15th.

For the record, Debra, Kendra, and Chad reviewed the 4 actions, and provided some clarification.

- i. 6.1.1 - Chris can download the data, Chris can provide the data to Peter who in turn will provide it to Kendra and Chad for assistance with submission.
- ii. 6.2 1-3, Chris can go back to a baseline year that shows a 10% reduction in energy consumption, which will yield 10 points.
- iii. 6.4.1, Renewable Energy Production, is based on lifelong production.
- iv. 6.5 1-2, Peter will need to provide the plan that Chris Burney may have reviewed and may have been approved in a BOS meeting (Peter believes it was provided on January 7, 2019; and page 31 was the most relevant).

5. **POCD Review** – Kendra and Chadwick (Guests from Sustainable CT embedded in WestCOG)

- i. Equity Tool Kit action that Deborah McFadden is working on is tied to our POCD submission.
- ii. Would need to vote and submit requested submissions/changes to the POCD by August 1st, 2019.
 - Kevin will circulate the 20 page document of recommendations that Kendra and Chadwick provided, but the WEC asked them to provide a condensed document that focuses on the language that will satisfy the requirements of actions that are of most concern to the WEC:
 1. 2.4.1 – Open Space Plan
 2. 2.4.3 – Open Space Plan
 3. 4.1.2 – Integrate Sustainability into POCD
 - The Condensed document will be provided by Kendra and Chadwick by 12:00 pm on July 30th, 2019, and the
 - **WEC will call a Special Meeting for July 31st, 2019 at 7:30 pm to review and vote on requesting the language be added to the POCD. Done**

6. **Update on Volkswagen Settlement - Eileen.**

August 1st is the date that the 2nd bucket of settlement funds will become available. The State of CT evaluates applicants on the reduction in carbon monoxide. Only 10 of 55 submissions from the first bucket were approved in the first round, and none of the 15 towns that submitted were approved.

The Town of Wilton’s equipment is not less than 5 years old, and our town vehicles do not travel sufficient miles to give us a chance of being approved (e.g., dump trucks only travel 2,600 miles/year).

At this point, the WEC agreed that submitting an application is unlikely to yield a grant, but we will continue to keep an eye on the funding process to determine if our potential increases in the future.

7. **Review Action Items from May and June Meetings.** All items were completed.

8. **Review of Member Specific Project/Program** – Members with current specific projects not present.
9. **Marketing & Communications** – Sustainable CT is the most immediate focus, and we will refocus our efforts on getting into the press following the completion.
10. **Cancellation of August 20th WEC Meeting** – Peter asked for a motion to cancel the August 20th meeting in favor of taking an August recess. So moved by Nicole Murphy and seconded by Glenn Hemmerle.

Vote: 5-1-0 (nay by Eileen Griffin)

11. **Member comment** –

- i. Reminder only to use the town email when communicating with WEC members on commission business. This is to satisfy the FOIA regulations. (Peter).
- ii. Peter will continue to bring several hard copies of the agenda to our meetings. (Peter)
- iii. Commission will have a Special Meeting meet at 7:30 pm on July 31st, 2019 to review and vote on at least 3, if not 4, Categories to submit to P&Z Commission for inclusion into the 2029 POCD.
- iv. Peter will setup a dial-in number and a room at Comstock for the Special Meeting to ensure we can meet with a minimum of five (5) members.

12. **Public comment** - None

13. **Adjournment:** 8:26 PM

Action Items from July 29th, 2019 WEC Meeting:

- i. **Sustainable CT** – Kevin to send 20 page document from WestCOG to all members of WEC
- ii. **Sustainable CT** – All to review condensed document before Special Meeting on 7/31
- iii. **Schedule Special Meeting to review and vote on language to be submitted to POCD July 31st, 2019** – Peter (Done)

Zero Waste Fair 2020 Parking Lot:

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