

ENERGY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Minutes

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April 18, 2017

Madden Room – South Windsor Town Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Larry Brown, Resident
Hank Cullinane, Resident
Mike Gantick, Director of Public Works
Athena Loukellis, Resident
Deputy Mayor Janice Snyder, Town Council
Sherman Tarr, Resident
Stephen Wagner, Resident

Members Absent: William Carroll, Town Council
Patrick Hankard, Board of Education
Councilor Edward Havens, Town Council
Richard Stahr, Board of Education

3 Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the Minutes of February 21, 2017 and March 21, 2017 with suggested amendments. Deputy Mayor Snyder seconded the motion; and they were approved, unanimously.

4. Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Madden Room

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. Virtual Net Metering Update

Chairman Wagner informed the Committee that the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a contract with Lodestar. Chairman Wagner reviewed projections with the Committee.

ITEM:

6. New Business (Continued)

A. Virtual Net Metering Update

Deputy Mayor Snyder requested that the Energy Committee receive a copy of the Town Council resolution letter.

B. LED Streetlights Update (Mike)

Chairman Wagner explained that the process of converting streetlights over to LED's began unexpectedly in March. A press release was put out as soon as it was noted that the conversion had begun.

Mr. Gantick told the Committee that some of the orientation of the lights is incorrect which the contractor was supposed to take care of. Two residents have complained about the light shining into their bedroom. A shield is supposed to be put on some of the lights. The process of converting the streetlights should be done by the end of the month.

Chairman Wagner added that the Town Manager is meeting with Eversource on Thursday, April 20, 2017.

C. School Solar Plans (Jan)

Deputy Mayor Snyder explained that the new schools are able to support solar on the roofs. Timothy Edwards Middle School and the High School will be discussed in the near future.

D. Solarize South Windsor Updates

- a. Ambassador's Meeting. April 18
- b. Workshop – May 11
- c. Press Release, etc.
- d. Signs

Chairman Wagner stated that there is an Ambassador's Meeting tonight as well as a Workshop on May 11th. Fifty signs have been ordered and a request for a permit will have to be issued through the Town. Customers will be contacted to see if a sign can be put up on their property.

ITEM:

6. New Business (*Continued*)

D. Solarize South Windsor Updates (*Continued*)

Mr. Brian McGee, Vice President of Real Estate with Aldi came before the Energy Committee to explain the different ways that Aldi uses solar for their facilities. In South Windsor, the solar will be added to while the building is being expanded. The whole building will also be converted to LED.

Chairman Wagner explained that the Committee will be getting 4 x 4 signs and asked Mr. Gantick if he would take care of these signs and have them put up while he is gone on vacation. Mr. Gantick stated that he would need to know where the signs are going to be located.

E. Energize South Windsor Update (Athena, Hank and Larry)

Mrs. Loukellis explained that our charter is to reintroduce the Energize South Windsor program by offering the Home Solution program. A letter will need to be sent out to residents to promote this program.

Committee members discussed the different venues where booths could be set up to inform residents more about this program as well as different workshops that could be held. The program would begin in June and Mrs. Loukellis stated she would contact Eversource to find out the end date for this program. Chairman Wagner stated he would send Mrs. Loukellis the different ways that the Solarize program was publicized, this would give her a direction to follow for the Energize South Windsor program.

Mrs. Loukellis explained to the Committee that seven companies had been picked from the list. Committee members discussed the seven companies that were chosen. Deputy Mayor Snyder felt that those seven companies should be reviewed through the Better Business Bureau.

7. Miscellaneous

Chairman Wagner explained to the Committee that he has been working on updating the EPA's Portfolio Manager's database. Eversource is now automatically updating Portfolio Manager for electric and gas. There was a gap of information that needed to be filled in which has been completed by Energize Connecticut.

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6. New Business (*Continued*)

F. Applying for Energy Star Certification

Chairman Wagner explained that Orchard Hill is receiving a score of 97 and qualifies for Energy Star Certification. This will need to be reviewed more closely. The Board of Education should be approached with this subject.

Mr. Gantick reviewed other programs that could be discussed in the future to save money for the Town. The Town presently does load shedding.

8. Adjournment

At 6:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council