

ENERGY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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May 16, 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 April 18, 2017. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion; and they were approved, unanimously.

4. Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in the Madden Room

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. LED Streetlights Wrap-up

Mr. Gantick explained that he has been trying to set up a meeting with Eversource Energy to review the orientation of certain lights in Town but has not been able to get a response. The first email he had sent out was March 31, 2017. Mr. Gantick stated he would be calling upper management to try to resolve this issue.

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6. New Business (*Continued*)

B. Solarize Update

a. May 11 Workshop Results

Chairman Wagner explained that there were forty people at the May 11th workshop. Twenty-one contracts were produced from the workshop. There were four ambassadors who attended the workshop.

b. SWCC Golf Tournament

Chairman Wagner thanked everyone who attended the golf tournament to promote Solarize South Windsor.

c. Signs

Chairperson Wagner stated that signs will be located around Town. Some of the locations are in places such as in front of the Town Hall, in front of the Fire Headquarters, Lawrence Road, and Dart Hill Road. Chairperson Wagner said he would put a sign up on Clark Street.

d. June 22 Workshop

Chairperson Wagner explained that this workshop will be held at the South Windsor Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

e. August 1 Workshop

Chairman Wagner stated that another workshop will be held on August 1, 2017.

C. Energize South Windsor Update

A letter promoting Home Energy Solutions has been drafted. The letter needs to be approved by the Committee and signatures need to be put on the letter from the Town Manager, Mayor and Mr. Wagner. Deputy Mayor Snyder suggested to add "a" in the sentence before cleaner so it will read "Thank you for making South Windsor a cleaner community". Mr. Brown suggested changing the first sentence to read, "South Windsor wants you to save money and cut your energy bills". Mr. Tarr requested that the phone number be put in parenthesis

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6. New Business (Continued)

C. Energize South Windsor Update

on the letter. Mrs. Loukellis stated that the suggested changes will be done as well as making sure all of the dates for the events are accurate. Solarize South Windsor and Energize South Windsor will be at separate tables for any event that is attended.

Mrs. Loukellis told the Committee that she vetted twenty vendors that could potentially be chosen to perform home energy solutions, through the Better Business Bureau and found nothing alarming.

Mrs. Loukellis stated that the top five companies were sent to Samantha and are as follows: Lantern Energy, Connecticut Weather Proof Installation, Energy Efficiency Solutions, Energy Resources Group and Handyman Express.

D. School Solar Plans (Jan)

Deputy Mayor Snyder explained that the new schools are able to support solar on the roofs. There are areas of the high school roof that could support solar, but would need the diagram to understand where those areas are located. The Timothy Edwards Middle School and the High School will be discussed in the near future.

E. Portfolio Manager Update

Chairman Wagner explained that he has not done anything with Portfolio Manager since the Committee last spoke regarding this item. At the end of the Fiscal Year will get oil reports from the Town and schools and will be able to update Portfolio Manager and to see if any buildings qualify for Energy Star Certification.

7. Miscellaneous

Mr. Cullinane reviewed the requirements to become qualified for Energy Star Certification. If you want to keep your buildings updated, these requirements need to be met every year.

Deputy Mayor Snyder requested that a signed copy of the Lodestar contract be sent to the Committee.

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7. Miscellaneous (*Continued*)

Chairman Wagner reviewed a program called Eversource Smartprep which allows Eversource to briefly raise the temperature of the home's air conditioning during peak demand periods. The homeowner can alter the temperature remotely from their smart phone or other web-based devices with a smart thermostat.

Mr. Gantick informed the Committee that Eversource will be replacing poles as well as lines.

8. Adjournment

At 5:21 p.m. Deputy Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cullinane seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council