

ENERGY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

Minutes

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November 13, 2018

Madden Room – South Windsor Town Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Hank Cullinane, Resident
 Robert Dickinson, Resident
 Anitha Elango, Town Treasurer
 Athena Loukellis, Resident
 Stephen Wagner, Resident

Members Absent: Larry Brown, Resident
 Mike Gantick, Director of Public Works
 Patrick Hankard, Board of Education
 Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry, Town Council
 Councilor Janice Snyder, Town Council
 Richard Stahr, Board of Education
 Sherman Tarr, Resident

4. Next Meeting – December 18, 2018, 4:30 p.m., Madden Room

5. Business

A. U.N. Report on Climate Change

a. Proposed Letter to Council - Larry

Committee members reviewed the letter as shown in attached **Exhibit A**, but felt a broader discussion should be held at the next meeting when Mr. Brown is present.

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5. Business (Continued)

B. Report on Sustainable CT 2018 Events – Steven

- a. Sustainable CT: Celebrating Success and Learning for the Future Meeting Oct. 22**
- b. CCM Convention – Sustainable CT Awards Ceremony**
- c. CCM Convention – Update on ZRECs, Sustainable CT Grants, etc.**
- d. 2019 Plans**

Chairman Wagner explained that in April, grants would be available. Chairman Wagner then explained that he went to CCM and at that workshop, the Town of South Windsor received the Bronze Award for Sustainable CT. Projects through the Energy Committee brought in about 25 points.

C. Town Website Communications Plan Update - Athena and Debbie

A meeting will be set up with the IT Department to discuss this further. After that meeting is held, this item will be discussed with the Energy Committee.

D. Chamber of Commerce Outreach - Athena

Mrs. Loukellis explained that she had called but has not received a call back. She stated she would stop at the office to try to talk to someone.

E. Report on Shared/Community Solar Meeting – November 10 – Bob

Chairman Wagner stated that Mr. Dickinson and he had attended a meeting on Community Solar/Shared Solar. Mr. Dickinson reported that legislation is available, but regulations need to be implemented. The Town needs to identify sites and people who would be interested in a program like this. Discussions would need to be held with developers who are familiar with this program and proposals would need to be prepared for 2020.

Chairman Wagner explained that he talked to Michele Lipe who is the Town Planner and asked her about putting solar at the Priest property. There is a wetland on the property and the South Windsor Agriculture, Arts and Nature

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5. E. (Continued)

Center Sub-Committee does not want to put solar on the property. Chairman Wagner also stated that there might be issues with non-permeable coverage of the land. Chairman Wagner stated he would contact Deputy Mayor Paterna to see if the Energy Committee could meet with the South Windsor Agriculture, Arts and Nature Center Sub-Committee.

Chairman Wagner stated that there was also discussion about putting solar on the Shepard property just off of Route 5, but there may be endangered species on the property. On Route 5 near the new rock crushing business there is property in that area where solar could be proposed. The Committee will have to have further discussions regarding this program.

F. Report on Feed-In Tariffs for Renewable Roundtable November 13 – Steve

Chairman Wagner explained that he attended a roundtable and mentioned the Energy Alert shown in **Exhibit B**, and reviewed the proposal through his notes, as shown in attached **Exhibit C**. Legislation is needed for this proposal.

G. Anaerobic Digesters Discussion

Chairman Wagner informed the Committee that the facility would have to be a regional facility. Mr. Galligan has been trying to work on this project. Mrs. Elango stated she would discuss this project with Mr. Galligan to see if the Energy Committee could do anything to help with this project.

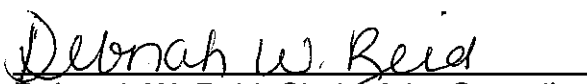
6. Miscellaneous

None

7. Adjournment

At 5:41 the Energy Committee meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Deborah W. Reid, Clerk of the Council

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Letterhead

To: Mayor
Town Councilors
Town Manager
~~Town of South Windsor~~

From: South Windsor Energy Committee

Date: ~~October~~ November

Re: Active South Windsor Position regarding a Carbon Tax

Dear Mayor,

In our efforts to offer actions that can make South Windsor more energy efficient, more economical in our energy use and more environmentally responsible in our energy actions, we strongly request that the Town Council consider and adopt a strong supportive position regarding the implementation of a "carbon tax" program such as that recommended by the Citizen Climate Lobby and advancing in California in their legislation AJR 43.

This action would represent the concern and support of the citizens of South Windsor to address the international concern to take the steps necessary to reduce the climate change that is occurring "on our watch" at the expense of our next generations.

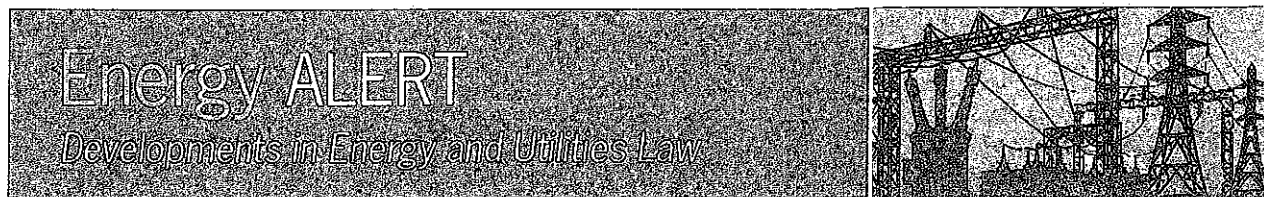
We urge you to adopt an appropriately worded statement in support of such a program at your earliest opportunity and to present it to our state legislature and any other venue to promote a timely adoption of such a "Carbon Tax" program in defense of our environment.

Sincerely,

SW Energy Committee

Attachments

Citizen Climate Lobby "Carbon Fee and Dividend" Description



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September 21, 2018

Connecticut Public Utility Authority Approves Grandfathering of Net Metering After Feed-In Tariff Approval and Encourages Year 8 LREC/ZREC

On September 19, 2018, the Connecticut Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) issued a declaratory ruling requested by Solar Connecticut, Inc. that existing net-metering rules would continue for existing distributed generation projects after the approval of the Connecticut feed-in tariff which is expected in 2019 or 2020. In addition, PURA put into motion a timeframe which encourages a Year 8 LREC/ZREC program in 2019.

During the last legislative session, the Connecticut legislature eliminated Connecticut's LREC/ZREC program in favor of a feed-in tariff for distributed generation projects (solar, wind, fuel cells) under 2 MW. The controversial law extended Connecticut's LREC/ZREC program for two years (Year 7 and Year 8) but required that these extensions be cut short if PURA approves the feed-in tariff prior to contracts for the funds being executed. In addition, the legislation left unclear whether existing net metering rules would be grandfathered for existing LREC/ZREC projects (the legislation was clear that existing net metering rules continued for existing residential projects).

Pullman & Comley represented Solar Connecticut in this matter and requested a declaratory ruling from PURA that all projects that have been awarded a LREC/ZREC contract would continue to receive the benefits of the contracts after the feed-in tariff was approved and that existing net metering rules would be grandfathered for these projects.

In a significant victory for users of distributed generation and the renewable energy industry, PURA has agreed that all existing LREC/ZREC contracts would remain in force and project owners would receive the benefits under those contracts for the duration of the contracts (including the Year 5, 6, 7, and 8 projects that have not yet been built). PURA also agreed that existing net metering rules would continue to be in effect until 2039 for all projects receiving the benefits of the LREC/ZREC contracts. In a final nod to the importance of limiting the disruption to project developers, PURA is requiring Eversource and UI to develop a plan for finalizing the Year 7 LREC/ZREC procurement in early 2019 and conducting the Year 8 program prior to the approval of the feed-in tariff by PURA. *"We couldn't possibly navigate this process on our own, or have achieved the kind of successes that we have without the dual benefit of counsel that both know our industry and the regulatory process."* - Mike Trahan, Executive Director, Solar



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Connecticut.

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SUMMARY - Seminar at Pullman E Complex
 Net metering
 LREC ZREC Program Funding

Year 7 bids already in
 selection in Round 1

Round 1 winners must supply performance letters
 Any who fail drop out opening Round 2
 New Limit to 2 rounds

Year 8 under consideration

April 2018

2 Rounds

Grandfathering existing net metering thru 2039

New system "Feed in tariffs"

Option 1: Buy all Credit All

↳ all solar production at
 fixed rate (bid or forres,
 by tariffs)
 ↳ from utility/generator
 \$0.2365/kwh for residential

Option 2: Buy all Credit some

Net metering

Utilities want Real time net metering

5000 CT wants daily

Credits in \$

Bids start Jan 2020

Poor transition plan so Jan-Interim plan needed

MA lost thousands of jobs

Limits { 50 MW - zero emissions
 0-100 kw - 25%
 100-500 kw - 30%
 500-2000 kw - 45%
 25 MW shared

40 MW - low emission ^{systems} OVER

Battery storage going in all over

Legislation needed to fix some issues

- Higher limits
- Demand charges
- TOU for solar
- Storage credits