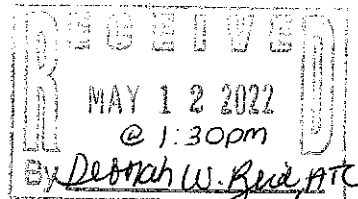


ENERGY COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR



Minutes

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1) Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Councilor Andrew Paterna (Chairperson)
James MacPherson, Resident
Jeffery Doolittle, Town Engineer, Public Works
Stephen Wagner, Resident
Athena Loukellis, Resident
Larry Brown, Resident

Others Present: Scott Nolan, Clerk of the Council

3) Approval of Minutes

Chairman Paterna made a motion to approve the Energy Committee Meeting minutes of January 11, 2022. Councilor Paterna noted the correction that needed to be made to the January 11, 2022 meeting minutes as he is indicated as being the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Athena Loukellis and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Jeffery Doolittle made a motion to approve the Energy Committee Meeting minutes of April 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Stephen Wagner and passed by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

4) Next Meeting

Chairman Paterna noted that the next regularly scheduled Energy Committee meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 2022, in the Madden Room at 4:30 p.m.

5) Business

Chairman Paterna shared with members of the committee statistics and a photo of the Platt Hill Solar Project and noted that the developer Lodestar Energy, which is headquartered in Avon, CT had completed in the course of a 28-month timeline and was a part of the CT Solar Virtual Net Metering program which potentially offers a savings of 1.5 million dollars in energy savings cost and offers 7,270 bifacial solar panels. The site is set to roughly power 496 homes and is equivalent to taking 550 cars off the road!

A. Project Updates –

a) Timothy Edwards – Solar Plus battery (Darrell Crowley)

No Report was given.

b) Pleasant Valley – Solar (Darrell Crowley)

No Report was given.

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c) Sewer Plant – battery (Steve Wagner) (Battery to be installed)

Stephen Wagner updated members of the committee that there had been no new updates since the last meeting and that a formal plan has not yet been adopted with the developer.

d) Sewer Plant EV (preliminary discussion) – (Jim MacPherson/Steve Wagner)

Jeffery Doolittle updated members of the committee that continued discussions were taking place and that the current needs are being assessed and that a plan would then be developed on how to proceed.

e) Police Station update – include EVSE (Jeff Doolittle) (Green Skies)

Jeffery Doolittle, Town Engineer updated members of the committee that the solar panels were a go, however, Mr. Doolittle noted that he had received an updated quote from Green Skies and that the price of steel had gone up significantly, and that they were looking to raise our electricity rates and that the new price was 13.4 cents per kilowatt-hour. Mr. Doolittle noted that he is questioning the total savings.

Mr. Doolittle also updated members of the committee that after speaking with the Police Department concerns were raised regarding the solar panels on carports. Mr. Doolittle also informed members of the committee that the concerns that were raised by the Police Department were being mitigated. Stephan Wagner noted that there were benefits that were supposed to be provided to the South Windsor Police Department. Mr. Doolittle explained in his conversations with Green Skies that they may not be willing to continue the project if the site location changes as a site analysis have already been conducted.

Jeffery Doolittle made a motion to table the South Windsor Police Station project for the temporary time being so that concerns could be addressed. The motion was seconded by Stephen Wagner and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

f) Update on Town Buildings/ Energy Use – Steve Wagner

No Report was given.

B. Guest Speaker(s)

C. Draft Letter to Town Council regarding incentives (Steve Wagner, Marek Kozikowski, and Andy Paterna) Final Review.

Councilor Paterna informed members of the committee that he had worked on the draft letter and that while the percentages may change, Councilor Paterna would like to move the letter forward and send it to Planning & Zoning and members of the Town Council. Jeffery Doolittle requested that members of the Town Council be given a deadline to offer feedback to Planning & Zoning.

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D. Renewable Energy and Battery Storage Sub-Committee (Sherm Tarr & Hank Cullinane)

No Report was given.

E. Electric Vehicle Sub-Committee (Jim MacPherson & Jeff Doolittle)

Jeffery Doolittle updated members of the committee that the State had received more federal money and that the goal was to get two or three fast charges at each location so the station could charge up to 6 cars at a time. Mr. Doolittle noted that there was a site in Manchester that was being considered and that one of the commercial properties might be a good location, however, Mr. Doolittle noted that a private entity would develop the locations and that they need to be within 1 mile of the interstate highway system.

F. Outreach Sub-Committee (Athena Loukellis & Marek Kozikowski)

Athena Loukellis updated members of the committee that she had reached out to Energy Sage and they were working on putting out a marketing piece that we could put on our energy website. Ms. Loukellis noted that if a few dozen companies were interested we could put together some sort of a document that would allow us to market energy as an outreach to local businesses and how we could share our knowledge and use Energy Sage as a tool. Ms. Loukellis asked that members review the document before it gets distributed.

G. State and National Energy Update (Steve Wagner)

Steve Wagner updated members of the committee that there had been a lot of bills discussed during the previous session of the Connecticut General Assembly including, air quality, electric school buses, incentives for electric bikes, and the State is hoping to have its fleet 100% electric by 2030.

Mr. Wagner updated members regarding Senate Bill 176 is a shared clean energy bill that makes multifamily development or retail developers to add solar to their property easier along with allowing solar energy to be collected more than then a location's annual usage. Mr. Wagner further explained that why bills were being passed they would still need to be implemented.

6) Adjournment

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Jeffery Doolittle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. which was seconded by Stephen Wagner and passed by a unanimous voice vote.
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Clerk of the Council