



**1. Call the meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm by the Chair.

**2. Roll Call/ Members present:** Councilor Andrew Paterna (Chairperson); Jeffery Doolittle, Town Engineer; Stephen Lewis, Resident; Hank Cullinane, Resident; Stephen Wagner, Resident; Larry Brown, Resident; Councilor Marek Kozikowski; James MacPherson, Resident.

**3. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2022**

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the October 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 was made by Stephen Wagner and seconded by Jeffery Doolittle. MOTION APPROVED.

**4. Next meeting:** Chairperson Paterna noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Energy Committee will be on December 13, 2022 at 4.30pm in the Madden Room at Town Hall.

**5. New Business:**

Chairperson Paterna opens the floor to Stephen Lewis. Mr. Lewis explains that he has been conducting research on how to educate the community about the new incentives and rebates associated with the Inflation Reduction Act. Rewiring America has a number of helpful documents for consumers. Stephen discusses the possibility of creating a presentation to help educate the community. Bringing the presentation to the Council Chambers during a Town Council meeting in the month of January 2023. Mr. Lewis brings up the idea of having PACE run the presentation.

The Connecticut Solar and Storage Association just released Connecticut Municipalities cleared to use no cost USDOE Instant Home Solar Permit Tool to cut staff approval time and speed up home solar installments. Solar App Plus has been used as a pilot by some Connecticut Municipalities.

**A. Project Updates:**

Chairperson Paterna asks if there are any volunteers to join Councilor Kozikowski on the out-reach committee. Stephen Wagner volunteers, a formal motion was made by Mr. Cullinane and seconded by Jeff Doolittle. MOTION PASSES.

Timothy Edwards School: (Darrell Crowley) not present, still in progress. Mr. Doolittle reports that Pleasant Valley has faced some challenges getting the site ready for winter. There still remains an issue of drainage water. Where the

generator for the school was supposed to go, there is an area that is affected by water from rainfall.

Town Building Energy Use: (Stephen Wagner) no update at this time.

Charging Stations: (Jeffrey Doolittle)-no update right now, the vehicle still has not arrived.

B. Guest Speakers (none at this meeting)

C. The SOLAR STORAGE BATTERIES will be separate from the Solar projects. The Solar Batteries need a large footprint to generate and store power (more details will follow).

D. The Sewer Plant Battery: (Stephen Wagner) heavy focus on the odor. Waiting on new equipment.

E. Outreach Subcommittee (Marek Kozikowski) no report, Stephen Wagner volunteers to join Marek Kozikowski.

F. State and National Energy Update: (Stephen Wagner) no update at this time.

6. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the committee James made a motion to adjourn, second by Jeff Doolittle. Meeting adjourns at 5:00pm.  
MOTION PASSES.

**New Topics:** General discussion that our committee should consider energy reaching out to business and talks about reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce.

Submitted by

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Clerk of the Council