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## **ENERGY COMMITTEE TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR**

**Meeting Minutes** 

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January 10, 2023

@11:57am

1. Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:36pm 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, James MacPherson; Resident.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2022

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the December 13<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 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 Valentine's Day, February 14, 2023 at 4.30pm in the Caucus Room at Town Hall.

### 5. New Business:

Stephen Lewis gives the committee a few updates. There are a few potential dates where the committee can hold an Energy Incentives Community Forum in the Council Chambers.

# A. Project Updates:

Timothy Edwards School: (Darrell Crowley) not present, still in progress.

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

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

<u>Sewer Plant EV Purchase/update:</u> (James Macpherson/ Steve Wagner) no update at this time. It is taking some time to get the EV.

<u>Energize CT:</u> (Steve Wagner) Eversource has a Community Partner provides local knowledge and relationships to raise awareness and participation in energy efficiency solutions.

Hank Cullinane reports on the 2023 Residential Air Source Heat Pump Energy Optimization Rebate Form. Energize CT has 32 different programs. Hank suggests

that the committee split up the research and look into the different programs that are offered to see which of these would be beneficial to residents.

Steven Wagner gives updates on a few subjects. EV chargers are now allowed to be put in residential areas such as condos, with limitations. Industrial and commercial buildings can now install as many solar panels as their roofs can accommodate. There is a requirement for EV Charging Infrastructure. Mr. Wagner suggests the Energy Committee take the lead and help Planning and Zoning with updating those changes. The state has passed new ways to get rebates on cars, apply to new vehicles. The federal rebate will now extend to used vehicles. There is also a big change in the Federal Residential energy Credits. Rates have increased from 10% to 30%. As of 2023 credits for new clean vehicles purchased in or after 2023.

# 6. Adjournment

Hank Cullinane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Doolittle, which passes by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION PASSES.** Meeting adjourns at 5:14pm.

Submitted by

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