ENERGY COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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Minutes

February 14, 2023

1) Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson, Andrew Paterna called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Andrew Paterna, Chairperson

Hank Cullinane, Resident

Jeff Doolittle, Town Engineer, Public Works

Marek Kozikowski, Town Council

Stephen Lewis, Resident Sherman Tarr, Resident

Members Absent: Larry Brown, Resident

Cesar Lopez, Town Council Stephen Wagner, Resident

Darrell Crowley, Director Facility Operations

Jim MacPherson, Resident

3) Approval of Minutes

Hank made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on January 10, 2023. The motion was seconded by Stephen Lewis and passes through unanimous voice vote.

4) Next Meeting

Regular Meeting – March 14, 2022 in the Madden Room.

5) Discussion Item:

- A. Energy Incentives Community Forum, presentation run through by Stephen Lewis Stephen has been in contact with a rep from Rewiring America and trying to get them out to run the presentation for the community forum. There is not a lot of information for those that belong to the low to moderate income policies.
 - a. Electrify Everything
 - b. Learning curves and costs
 - c. Cost of clean electricity
 - d. Inflation Reduction Act
 - e. What the IRA means to you
 - Rebates and tax credits
 - Stacking credits
 - f. Resources from Rewiring America
 - g. How much can I save?

Stephen Lewis talked about a range of topics from water heaters, top heat pumps, tax credits, electric vehicles and tools that home owners can use. There are incentives and other programs to help home owners apply for renewable energy resources to run their homes.

The goal of this presentation is to start a conversation and get the ball rolling. Some of the common feedback or comments include:

- Lack of knowledge for hot water heater
- CT electric rates.
- Accessibility to the resources, tax breaks and abatements
- Lack of knowledge and understanding of renewable energy sources

The group talks about having some links and other resources available as a take away at the end of the presentation.

Chairperson Paterna also mentioned that he is looking at the membership/ makeup of the committee.

6) Adjournment

Councilor Kozikowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Lewis seconded the motion which passes by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourns at 5:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Poma

Clerk of the Council