

## Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes

5:00 pm November 22, 2021 Branford Police Station Conference Room

Present: G. Ames, B. Babcock, B. Horne, S. Huttner (via Facetime), E. Mahler, S. McCarthy, J. Prins, D. Rabin, M. Cohen

Absent: E. Cahill, M. Cox, D. McCarthy-Bercury

Guests: D. Laich, J. Stepanek

1. Minutes of September 27, 2021 unanimously approved.
2. S. Huttner reported on EV's. She reported on several new purchases of EVs by municipalities around the state. S. McCarthy reported that J. Cosgrove said that new funding for EV charging stations will be available on Jan 1.
3. E. Mahler reported on the work of Solar for All. On Dec 7 at 4-6 PM at the Community House there will be a Homeowners workshop on Solar energy and on Dec 4 and 11, an information table from 2-4 at the Stony Creek Brewery.
4. D. Rabin reported on Solar Canopies. He is currently working with PACE on developing flyers.
5. B. Babcock reported that Eversource has not been contacting leads found. A new person has been assigned by Eversource. She has committed to following through with their Wise Use department and will report back on Dec 2. There will be a presentation at the Board of Recreation on Dec 8. G. Ames suggested that the Police Station is a prime candidate for Solar canopies.
6. G. Ames reported on his Net Zero Notebook. This is a discussion on Net Zero buildings and how they can be encouraged in Branford especially for municipal buildings. The Animal Shelter being designed is a prime example of how to save energy via efficiency measures that easily pays for itself and saves money. The Five-Year Capital Plan gives early visibility to planned projects. The group discussed the need for Net Zero and energy efficient options to be considered for all new municipal construction. This should be built into the process.
7. B. Horn presented a report describing the Quantum Anaerobic Digestion facility in CT. He reminded the group about an upcoming tour of the Quantum Biopower CT facility.
8. The committee voted unanimously for the 2022 meetings to occur at 4:00 pm on the last Monday of the month.
9. New Business: While D. Bercury is on maternity leave, all budget requests should go through J. Cosgrove.
10. Public Comment: J. Stepanek described how it would be good for the RTM to get earlier visibility of municipal building projects regarding energy issues.