

Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Minutes 5/20/24

Present: John Prins, Donna Laich, Greg Ames, Sharon Huttner, Eunice Mahler, Shirley McCarthy, Jim Killelea, Bob Babcock

Absent: Dan Rabin, Elena Cahill, Vince Chiochio, Mike Cohen,

Chair McCarthy called meeting to order at 4:06pm

1. **Minutes** of 4/15/24 meeting approved unanimously.
2. **BBabcock: Energy efficiency campaign**

Bob reported that East Haven HES flyers went out as tax mailing inserts. An East Haven energy committee is being discussed. Doing tables at events.

DRabin wanted reported: Summary of progress towards goals*:

Town	HES Completed	HES-IE Goal	HES-IE Completed
Branford	32	29	5
East Haven	110	52	85

*Numbers are completed assessments since project initiation (11/23 for EH, 1/24 for Branford)

Recent Activities

- Buckslip insert has been provided to the Branford Tax Office printer, to be included in upcoming bill mailing; Collaboration established with Community Dining Room. We will table at Branford and EH dinners on the green in the summer; Tabling at the Earth Day celebration on the Branford green resulted in 11 new applications; Foam stress-reduction balls were ordered as give-away for tabling; Upcoming meeting with EH re: establishing EH CEC; 1/8 page ads were published in The Sound in four consecutive issues (to be repeated in Sept); HeatSmart banner was delivered to Public Works, to be hung over Main St on May 29 for two weeks

3. **SHuttner: EV Chargers** are being installed at the Community House, the Stony Creek Firehouse and on Main street. **EMahler** made it happen urgently given Eversource incentives end 5/22.
4. **DLaich: The recreation department** has interest in obtaining an EV. Donna will follow up.
5. **GAmes: Buildings:** High energy use at the renovated animal shelter is due to omission of controls, will be corrected.

The PD project has been funded and is proceeding, including Eversource incentives. John Hoeffler found structural drawings which are being assessed, it appears there may be structural capacity to increase the roof insulation and support solar (In addition to the solar to be incorporated on the parking canopy).

The Public Building Commission is taking a proactive role during the design phases of projects.

6. **SMcCarthy: Branford Festival 6/15:** Committee members are available to staff a table on the town green so she will look into getting a table. Earth Day: John and Dan sat at our table.

7. New Business

Eunice, Sharon and Donna will respond to the letter to the editor at the Sound re: EV school busses.

Jim Killelea will be doing an energy efficiency presentation to St. Mary's church group.

Several members will attend the Greenbank event Thursday. Jim Finch will be on the panel.

8. SHuttner moved adjournment, DLaich seconded, Unanimous vote to adjourn at 5:20pm.

Submitted by: GAmes