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Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee

July 15, 2024

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Present: John Prins, Donna Laich, Greg Ames, Sharon Huttner, Eunice Mahler, Shirley McCarthy, Bob Babcock, Vince Chiochio, Mike Cohen

Absent: Dan Rabin, Elena Cahill, Jim Killelea

Guests: Blaize Levitan, Bob Barnett

- Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Shirley McCarthy at 4:07
- Minutes of 6/17/24 were approved unanimously
- Blaize Levitan was introduced as Branford's Chief Operating Officer for Branford Public Schools
- Blaize presented the "Branford Master Plan and Other Projects".
- Blaize came to Branford from Greenwich CT.
- Framework of the plan was presented. This is a master plan to integrate Town / BOE finances and operational goals. One of the goals is to benefit in both areas for working together in a fifteen-year plan. This will involve intense work between both finance and operational departments.
- There is a thought to hire a firm that will create and monitor the plan. Currently there is a draft for an RFP to achieve this. There will be a fifteen-year capital plan as well as an annual capital plan. These two plans will work together and will be monitored for accuracy on a regular basis.
- Examples were presented. One example was Sliney School. Should we rebuild, modify, totally different site, redistrict, etc. All of these options have separate obligations within the town as well as the BOE. So, let's harness our collective brains, finances, on both sides of the town to achieve the best town results. These challenges also involve enrollment. Branford enrollments have decreased from 3,200 to 2,500 students currently. These outlining factors also influence the final decision.
- It was also discussed that it is very important to include community input once a plan like this is determined.
- This plan, when written, will be reviewed by a committee representing the town and the BOE.
- Net Zero will be discussed when projects are modified, new construction, etc.
- Life Cycle evaluations will be implemented.
- The roof at the High School will be very much evaluated in the noted manner. A report from the firm Antoniozzi will be presented shortly to better evaluate the roof.

- The combination of town and BOE departments was discussed.
- The Electric Bus Yard was discussed and applauded for its status.
- A brief discussion took place regarding similar software between the town and BOE.
- Discussion for tracking total town energy was discussed.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:20.PM

Respectfully.

Bob Babcock