

Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Special Meeting Minutes 11/18/24

Attended: S McCarthy, V Chiochio, T Bowne, G Ames, S Huttner, M Cohen, E Mahler, D Laich, B Babcock, D Rabin (reporting)

Absent: Jim Killelea, John Prins

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- 1. DRabin: HeatSmart Dan reported achieving the goals of the Community Partnership Initiative. The East Haven one year project began in Nov 2023 and is thus completed, while the Branford work started Jan 2024 and will run through the end of the year. Energize CT will only be funding Round 3 HES-IE projects for distressed communities and those with Environmental Justice zones, so Branford will not be eligible. Dan also reported the HeatSmart project in other SCRCOG communities.

	HES, number completed	HES-IE, number/goal
Branford (10 months)	120	35/29
East Haven (full year)	168	145/52

- 2. BBabcock: Small Business Energy Efficiency

	SBEA, # leads	SBEA, # completed/goal
Branford (10 months)	10	14/28
East Haven (full year)	19	6/14

- 3. GAmes: Buildings

Tyler reported about energy efficiency at the animal shelter. Greg said that the police station renovation is an ongoing process with a monthly meeting. Vince brought up the issue of leak testing for heat pumps and how a protocol could be incorporated in building projects. There is a Board of Education meeting on Wednesday 11/20 where the new facilities plan will be presented.

- 4. SHuttner, JPrins, SMcCarthy: Sustainable CT conference and awards

Branford received a Climate Leadership Award, now 1 of 9 towns in CT with this designation. The Green Bank residential solar program as well as others were then discussed as future town projects.