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Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee Special Meeting Minutes December 9, 2024


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Present: T Bowne, M Cohen, S Huttner, B Babcock, D Laich, J Prins, E Mahler, G Ames, S
McCarthy, D Rabin

Absent: V. Chiocchio, J Killelea

1. T Bowne: Ecology Park solar:

a. We were not accepted into the initial round of grants for the solar array at Ecology Park. We were placed on reserve. We are still on reserve for the August round.

2. Greg reported on the leaking heat pumps, summarized the problem.

a. V Chiocchio provided performance specs to prevent refrigerant leakage. Vin and Greg relayed the specifics to Jamie, who will share with Town Engineer for inclusion in all new Town buildings and with the Building Official to facilitate public awareness. He will set up a meeting with John Hoefflerle and Anthony Cinicola to discuss.

3. Greg Ames: Buildings

a. Police station construction is about to begin.

b. Jamie would like the new east end fire station to be an exemplary building for energy efficiency, hopefully net zero.

4. E.Mahler: Nuclear power

a. Eunice explained how the discussion can move forward if we are interested in hearing the information from Jenifer Rowland (from Millstone).

b. We are nearly 30% nuclear in the mix of energy used in New England.

c. Committee members voiced ideas about what might be included in the conversation. We agreed it could take place at one of our scheduled meetings.

5. B.Babcock: Small Business Energy Efficiency:

a. East Haven was a great success. Branford has hit a ceiling and it is up in December.

b. Bob thinks they will eventually hit 100% of their quota.

c. Town Fair Tire is interested in taking part - very exciting

d. Bob said we should be proud of what has been done so far

6. Dan Rabin: HeatSmart

a. East Haven program is finished. Branford is still running. They need to follow-up with Ed Sabatino

b. Dan is working with Pace on the grant program

c. There is a Movie event at the Cinemark this coming Saturday (Moana 2 & the Grinch). They rented 3 theatres (100 people each). It sold out!!!

d. Dan had a call with the Green Bank today. They are going to give them \$20,000.00 towards the project

7. Mike Cohen: Solar Canopies

a. The police department project includes a solar canopy

b. Mike will call the fire department to discuss possible solar canopies

8. S McCarthy: CTE conference 11/23; Residential solar

a. Shirley said the conference was fabulous

b. A small sub-committee (Eunice Mahler, Bob Babcock and Sharon Huttner volunteered) will meet with Bill Colonis from the Green Bank; Shirley will organize the meeting.

8. S Huttner moved adjournment, J Prinz seconded.

Respectfully submitted; G Ames, D Laich