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## Branford Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee 2024 annual report

Branford was honored with the Climate Leadership Award from Sustainable Connecticut (one of nine towns in Connecticut).

Governor Lamont gave a press briefing at the Mary R Tisko school, since it and Mary T Murphy had recently acquired solar panels via the Green Bank.

Plans with the Green Bank were made to install a solar array at Ecology Park. We decided to do the residential solar program with Bill Colonis of the Green Bank.

Members of the committee along with Blaize Levitan, Branford Public Schools C.O.O, and Bill Colonis of the Green bank presented "Building a Sustainable Future" at the Living Wisely & Well lecture series.

The number of EV chargers in Branford was increased and Branford Parks and Recreation got their first EV.

Greg Ames along with the Public Building Commission provided input on clean energy options and sustainability to the Branford Police Department renovations. Vince Chiocchio and Greg Ames reviewed energy use at the Animal Shelter.

Dan Rabin ran Branford's second Heat Smart program with support from the EnergizeCT Community Partnership Initiative. The team received multiple grants totaling \$85,000 for HeatSmart and small business outreach in Branford and East Haven. More than 200 Branford residents took advantage of this HeatSmart, 40 of whom qualified for no cost assessments under the income eligible classification. The project goal was exceeded by approximately 40%. Dan also worked with East Haven where more than 300 residents partook of the HES program almost half of them were Income Eligible exceeding the project goal by 180%. Dan shared the materials and expertise acquired through these outreach efforts with multiple towns in the New Haven area and in the Connecticut River valley.

Bob Babcock reported that the Small Business Energy Advantage program in East Haven and Branford was very successful, meeting quota given by Eversource and UI. It will continue to offer help and assistance calling on the business community to introduce ways to lower energy usage.