

## Energy Advisory Board Meeting

### October 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Attendees: Alan Brewster, Jason Prignoli, James Day, Pieter Moen, Jim Whitaker, and Curt Krushinsky

EAB Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2018 were approved unanimously.

Energy Task Force - September call - report by Alan

The first focus of the phone conference was on energy saving efforts with particular emphasis on low and middle-income households. Alan noted a draft memo that he will make available via PDF and Google Docs. The second focus of the call was on planning for the October 27th in-person meeting of all state wide Energy Task Force Representatives. Meeting to be held at UI Energy center in North Haven.

Jason reported that the planned Electric Vehicle event will be held in the Milford Library on December 1st from 11 AM to 1 PM. Jason is arranging the program with the Library and a press release will be issued. Representatives from the State of CT will be present to review funding programs and options. Alan has prepared a short presentation about the EAB's program to promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy throughout Milford. Pieter noted a new Hyundai EV. Discussion focused on getting EVs in the parking lot for public review and ways to promote the event.

Police Station - no information was available to report on whether or not the building will proceed..

Alan provided a list of ideas for pursuing the 100% by 2050 program. Jim Whitaker handed out a written description of the "Ready for 100" program of the Sierra Club that had been provided by Diane. Alan said there was a need for coordination of this Sierra Club program with the 100% by 2050 project. There remained some confusion about how the two

programs were or were not connected. He recommended not implementing the EAB program until after the election and Jim suggested not until after January 1. Alan noted difficulties in getting the involvement of BIC and Subway but Subway has offered to hold one or more "Lunch and Learn" sessions at which business people could be invited. The Environmental Concerns Coalition of Milford offered the EAB the opportunity of planning and leading a March program of the ECC in the Library on energy conservation and the use of renewable energy to combat Climate Change. The ECC will also be holding an event on the coastal effects of global warming Saturday, November 10th at 2: PM in the library. Alan is seeking input from the EAB on both the March program and how we should proceed on the 100% by 2050 effort.

There was also some discussion about offshore wind energy projects and the bidders' proposals to invest in infrastructure development in New London and Bridgeport necessary to support the installation of and receive power generated by wind turbines.

Jim reported on the Sustainable CT bronze certification for the City of Milford. There will be an awards ceremony at Eastern CT State University on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be an October 30th event at the annual conference of the CT Conference of Municipalities. Jim raised the prospect of working on other actions to improve the City's recognition to the higher level of silver certification.

Pieter presented his draft memo to the Mayor on the cost effectiveness of improved building standards – using the example of the Police Station. Given the lack of movement on a new Police Station building, it is not clear whether this presentation will ever be made.

Jim noted that with many new buildings achieving Energy Star certification nation-wide, some Milford buildings no longer meet the new Energy Star rating system (better than 75% of buildings in the category) even though there have been no changes in the performance of the buildings. However, once certified, this recognition does not go away so buildings designated as Energy Star rated, remain so designated and plaques, etc. do not have to be removed. Nevertheless, we should still be trying to upgrade these and other Milford buildings in their energy performance.

Alan noted that there will be a group presentation at the next meeting by Energizer Power Portal which claims to be able to identify the lowest cost generators of electricity and gas in the area for each individual household.. Julie Nash brought this group to Alan's attention. One question to pursue will be how long is the lower price guaranteed.

There will be two CT Constitutional amendments on the ballot in November.

Question 1 – should there be a "lock-box" for transportation funds to be used for transportation projects only.

Question 2 – should all State land transfers to other entities be subject to a public hearing.

The next meeting of the EAB will be on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting ended at 8 PM.