

Milford Energy Advisory Board Meeting

October 17, 2017

Alan Brewster

Diane Lentakis

Jim Whitaker

Curt Krushinsky

James Day - new member

Jason Prignoli - new member

Meeting commenced at 7:05 PM

Past meeting minutes from May 16, 2017 were approved.

Recent Solarize program - Alan reported that 35 contracts have been signed as part of the Ross Solar program. Total homes in Milford with solar panels totals approximately 525 plus the 35 newer homes. Other solar companies have installed systems that may not be counted as the recent program. Brief discussion regarding the future of net metering and the current political direction.

City of Milford - Energy use - update of data from the city and the board of education. Jim noted that the board of education data is current and the city is up to date as of September.

Usage information is available but not necessarily the cost. Jim noted the Energy Star tracking system and the comparison to other like building types. University of New Haven students and Dr. Thompson had previously inputted energy consumption data. UI and Constellation Energy - electrical distribution and generation. Sprague - Gas provider - less than cooperative in clearly providing accurate data.

Jim noted that solar will be added to Mathewson, Law and East Shore.

Five additional schools will receive PVs in 2018.

Micro Grid project is a go. Fuel cells will be added to the Housatonic water treatment plant. Variable speed pumps have been installed. Increased cost of pumping air.

PVs will be added to the library roof.

UI program of changing city street lights to LED has commenced in Woodmont. 3000k vs. 4000k lamp discussion. A \$400,000 savings resulted by commencing with the relamping with the available lamps instead of waiting a year for the 3000k lamps.

Meeting of Energy Task Forces - Diane report.

CT town and city monthly conference calls - accelerating the path to 100% clean renewable energy. Certain towns were reviewed and discussed. Diane noted that she would provide notes from the discussions.

Sustainable CT - Jim report

Final results of working groups - operations and physical infrastructure working group that Jim and Alan took part in Transportation group. Points were assigned to towns based on energy saving programs. Launch is scheduled on November 28-29 as part of the meeting of Towns & Municipalities.

EV - pilot program - month of October - application for an electric vehicle.

Does the city of Milford wish to participate in the \$18,000 to \$25,000 grant program?

Emphasis on preowned vehicles. Jim suggested that the group recommend the city pursue this option. Alan noted that he will review with Julie and the mayor. Jason offered to assist.

Clean Energy Accelerator program. Alan.

Alan noted that the mayor approved the expansion of the groups charge to include commercial and residential buildings, etc. City wide data has been obtained - speaker, Bernie Pelletier, will attend next month's meeting to discuss. 80 to 100 percent clean Energy by 2050.

Diane noted outreach programs that include tabling of information in the community.

Mayor and Board of Aldermen have to be on board and agree to the goal of clean energy.

Pledge vs commitment. Jason suggested that a member of the Board of Aldermen be part of this group. Alan suggested that this group be more active in front of the board.

CT MIRROR - ctmirror.org - Alan noted resource regarding energy news.

Regular meetings are scheduled for 3rd Tuesday of each month - 6:30 PM start time.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 21st.

Meeting ended at 8:15 PM.