Minutes of the EAB Meeting – October 16, 2023

Attendees: Alan Brewster, John Karyczak (by phone), Curt Krushinsky Tom Mele.

Others: Jeremy Grant

The Meeting commenced at 7:06 PM.

The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2023 were approved as presented.

Additional Lessons from Farmer’s Markets:

John confirmed Jeremy’s views of September that there needed to be efforts to attract people to our table. John suggested that there should be things for young people that would occupy them, while their parents were engaged with the people behind the table. He also suggested that we should spend some time during the spring in developing our plans for next summer’s Farmer’s Markets, including using Energise CT as a resource for the efforts.

Progress on the Energy Plan:

* Phil Brewer – Absent, so no progress reported.
* Alan Brewster – The Library put up a display for the week of October 2 to celebrate Energy Efficiency Day (October 4), It also displayed materials that the Library had for checking out that were related to the issue. A photograph of the display was shown to the attending members. Alan also presented copies of a rough draft on the poster planned for use in the Parsons Center. It was agreed that the identification of the EAB should be improved like the Library poster (It will be sent to all the members) and that more needs to be done with the contact information at the bottom of each column. There was considerable discussion about who was the best organization to contact for each column, with Energize CT being the preferred point of contact (also CREC) but this was not finally decided. More work still needs to be done on these posters.
* James Day – Absent, so no progress reported.
* John Karyczak – No additional progress reported, he will be involved in various efforts to reach the public.
* Curt Krushinsky – Curt indicated that the Building Department would use the State’s adoption of the new standards for buildings. He agreed that he would prepare a new listing of the latest standards.
* Tom Mele – He contacted Bob Wall. The second round of the storage program is filled up, so if we want to be included, we will have to wait until the third round. It is not clear that this makes sense for us. Tom handed out two items he got from Bob, which we should look at, but this may not be good for us.
* Pieter Moen – Absent, so no progress reported.

Other Events:

Milford held an Open House last Wednesday for all Boards and Commissions. It was an opportunity to tell members of the public about the work that the EAB has done and to seek anyone who may be interested in joining us. Alan participated and Jeremy joined him. Tom Mele found information about this event and also attended. About 75-100 people in total attended. Attendees completed information about themselves. Three people came up to Alan after the meeting, but we will see if any of them follows up. Jeremy noted that we should plan to brief the new Mayor (whoever he or she may be) after the election in November.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held by Zoom on November 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.