

## Minutes of the EAB Meeting - March 19, 2019

### Attendees:

Alan Brewster

Jim Whitaker

Diane Lentakis

Curt Krushinsky

Meeting commenced at 6:34 PM

The Group approved January 15th Meeting Minutes and the notes from the meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>. There was no quorum at the February 19th meeting.

### Reports:

Diane reported on the Ready for 100 Program. She noted that Windsor CT has joined the program. West Hartford, Windsor, Winsted and Milford are now the focus of the Sierra Club's effort.

Meeting of Energy Task Forces (3/9/19). (This groups meets twice a year at the UI Energize CT Center and holds monthly phone calls.) Alan reported that there was an extensive discussion about the 100% by 2050 program. Alan presented Milford's involvement in the program and why Milford is engaged.

Diane was also present and reported on other presentations - Community Choice Aggregation, where a municipality takes over its own power generation and distribution. Wallingford has its own municipal power program. Our utility (UI) has opposed this and the purchase of street lights.

New Haven is only CT municipality in the UI territory that owns its own lights but Hamden is seeking to purchase theirs. There were also presentations about energy efficiency, EV infrastructure, and State legislative actions. Clean Water Action is interested in providing supportive activities for this network and has prepared a questionnaire regarding what outreach programs towns & cities would like to see supported. She will send out the questionnaire to everyone after the meeting.

March 23rd Climate Event – There has been lots of publicity and notification about this event, hopefully we will have a great turnout. 4 speakers are scheduled for the event in the Milford Public Library, from 2 PM to 4 PM. All members of the EAB are invited to attend.

Alan reported on the existence of a UI grant program for EV Infrastructure. Alan noted that Jason was going to review with City of Milford to see if we can use one of these small grants to develop more charging stations and EVs in Milford.

One way to approach the 100% by 2050 program would be to focus on the Plan of Conservation Development (POCD) and implementing Passive House standards as part of the focus on the Building Department and Zoning regulations that Curt and Pieter will be working on as part of the program. Curt provided the group with February presentation on Passive houses.

Sustainable CT. There will be a workshop on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Litchfield CT, cosponsored by the Council of Connecticut Municipalities (CCM) and Sustainable CT. Milford has been invited to make a presentation on area 6.3 (Achieve High Energy Performance for individual Buildings) where we earned 50 points toward our Bronze Certification. Jim felt that it did not make sense for him to devote a whole morning for just a 10 to 15 minute presentation, so Alan will make the presentation focusing on the Energy Star certification of Milford buildings and how we have achieved this – especially using behavioral changes in the Schools.

Diane reported on the legislative progress of many of our goals, including reduction in green house gases, resiliency, equity, the Green New Deal, etc. Representative Steinberg has been very active in promoting these initiatives, especially the Green New Deal and he will be calling on Diane to participate in a planning meeting on how to assure that this is achieved this year. Another area of focus for legislative initiatives has been the banning of plastic bags, plastic straws, etc. There have been many lobby days already and more will be coming. If anyone can attend it would be great.

Next meeting: April 16th - Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM