

Minutes of the EAB Meeting - April 16, 2019

Attendees:

Alan Brewster

James Day

Diane Lentakis

Curt Krushinsky

Meeting commenced at 6:33 PM

Group approved March 19 Meeting Minutes

Alan noted that Jason Prignoli took a job in New Jersey and would no longer be available to attend. Diane noted that she too would be stepping down from the board to concentrate on other green initiative efforts primarily the Ready for 100 program.

Alan also noted that he would not be available for the May meeting and requested that Curt send out the agenda and minutes and Chair the May meeting. Curt agreed.

Reports:

Diane reported on the Ready for 100 program - working with Michael Thomas a graduate of the Yale who works with a renewable Energy company based In Massachusetts. Diane noted that he could be a candidate for the Advisory Board. Earth day is Monday and Diane will be at Cafe Atlantique from 6 PM to 8 PM. Diane will also be at Wesleyan in Middletown to speak to a class regarding sustainability.

Alan reported on the Energy Task Forces - April 2nd conference call. It began with a webinar on schools, which was well presented and useful. The second half of the conference call was devoted to the status of numerous State legislative initiatives regarding: fees from utility bills going toward energy saving efforts and the use of renewable energy; net metering changes; and increasing off shore wind capacity. Diane noted that other eastern states that are increasing their efforts such as New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island. Also being considered is legislation limiting methane leakage.

Alan suggested that members send emails to their representatives requesting that they vote for green initiatives. Efforts could include phone calls, emails and then in person.

Diane noted other efforts to reduce emissions from state of CT vehicles and increase the use of EVs.

Energy event - March 23rd - Alan noted that although there were good speakers the event was not well attended with only 5 or 6 members of the public.

Sustainable CT event - Friday, April 12th - Alan attended in NW corner of CT. He led a discussion regarding certification of Milford's Energy Star buildings. There were various other presentations and representations by Greenwich, Fairfield and many smaller towns.

100% by 2050 program – Alan will be meeting with Mayor Blake next Monday to discuss how to involve the public in the program and other issues. He also noted the availability of a possible UI grant for EV infrastructure in Milford to increase our electric charging capacities. It was noted that only Tesla autos can charge at Tesla charging station. There are other charging stations in Milford but they are not well known or publicized. The City of Milford should pursue the UI grant. The deadline to apply for the grant is unknown.

Alan also noted that we should work on the City's plan for conservation and development (POCD), especially its section on energy conservation. This section should include enhanced energy saving efforts.

Upcoming events – there are a number of webinars during the day but they are difficult for members to participate. Alan is participating in one on Thursday. There will be Earth Day events on Monday and a river cleanup the following weekend. There will be many events during the weekend of April 27th.

Last Sunday's rally for energy efficiency - Diane reported that 300 people attended in Hartford on energy efficiency and the environment.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.