

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
December 16, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. by Commissioner Beinstein in Room 103 at Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Bob Beinstein, Cheri Calnan, Mark Scully and Mike Tanca

1. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

There was public audience. Sharon Byron expressed her interest in learning more about the work of the task force and is willing to help out. Ieke Scully shared a similar sentiment.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 21, 2019

The minutes from October 21, 2019 were reviewed by all. A motion was made by Mark Scully and was seconded by Cheri Calnan to approve the minutes. All commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed.

3. UPDATE TOWN PROGRESS ON SUSTAINABLE CT

Cheri attended the awards ceremony on December 3rd with Tom Roy and Maria Capriola. Simsbury was awarded Silver. The MLK project was showcased and Simsbury also won the photo of the month with a picture of the rainbow crosswalk. Kudos to the entire Sustainable Simsbury Committee and especially to Cheri Calnan, who led the entire initiative.

4. OUTREACH FOR ENERGY PLAN

Mark Scully reported on his meeting with the Board of Education on November 12th and with the Board of Finance on December 3rd. Mark and Cheri Calnan will present the plan to the Economic Development Commission on December 18th. The group suggested that further meetings be held with Mainstreet Simsbury, the Zoning Commission, Planning Board, Building Official, Mike Glidden, John Hampton, Kevin Witkos and the Library Board.

5. 2020 PLAN

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

6. PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ELECTRICITY BILLS

Linda Schofield requested that the task force review the electric bills of the PAC, as they are higher than expected. Preliminary review of these bills suggests that the PAC is paying high demand charges due to high usage peaks when events are going on. The task force will continue to explore a solution to this problem (e.g., different electric rate plan, battery).

7. OPEN FORUM

The task force proposed the following dates for 2020 meetings: 1/20, 2/18, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16 and 12/21. A motion was made by Cheri Calnan and seconded by Mike Tanca to approve meeting dates. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting date will be Monday January 20, 2020 at 6:30 in Rm. 103.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Cheri Calnan made a motion to adjourn at 7:52. Mike Tanca seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Scully