Clean Energy Task Force (CETF) Special Meeting Minutes – 5-12-2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Present were:

CETF: Phil Purciello; Mark Scully; Bob Beinstein; Amy McLean Salls; Tim Walczak (6:50)

Town Staff: Ray Harris

Public: Susan Olson; leke Scully; Katie Maggiore

Public Audience:

N/A

Approval of April 14, 2021 Minutes:

• Mark offered correction to the climate resolution discussion; Bob corrected the minutes. Phil motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Mark seconded, and all were in favor.

Update on Sustainable CT:

- There are considerations to combine multiple committees (CETF, Sustainable CT, possibly recycling) into a Sustainable Simsbury committee with sub committees.
- Recommendation for CETF members to review the Sustainable CT action list at a future meeting (also available on their website). Our certification was in Spring of 2019 and is good for 3 years.
 We will be due to recertify next spring.
- Amy asked if there was any form of dues required to be a member of Sustainable CT, which
 there are not. Membership also enables us to qualify for grants.
- Mark demoed the Sustainable CT website and some available resources.
- Mark asked Amy to provide an introduction as a new member to which she highlighted a wealth of related experience.

Update on Board of Education:

The RFP is set to go out toward the end of May.

Update on Climate Emergency Resolution:

• Mark provided a recap of what has been covered in previous meetings. No new updates.

Collaboration on Updated Energy Plan:

- Tom Roy suggests we have a gathering of key stakeholders next month (BOE, Info Systems, CETF, etc.) to present draft energy plan and brainstorm tactical approach for implementation. Our goal is to have a solid draft available by next month.
- The group discussed when in the process we may want public input beyond. Bob, Amy, Katie spoke favorably about an approach to solicit public feedback to strengthen the plan after first meeting internally.
- Mark walked through the draft plan at a high level. We should consider adding an agenda item to look through the energy model in our next meeting.

• CETF should review the document and send edits to Mark at least three days ahead of the next meeting.

Other business:

• N/A

Open forum:

• N/A

Adjournment:

• Bob moved to adjourn; Amy seconded the motion. Passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.