

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
April 23, 2018
REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Pynn in the Room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Tim Walczak, Mark Scully, Regina Pynn, Susan Van Kleef.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON 19 March 2018:

The minutes from the March 19th meeting were reviewed by all. A motion was made, seconded, and voted on. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

No topics were discussed as part of public audience

3. UPATING OF TOWN ENERGY PLAN

Commissioner Scully reviewed his meeting with Tom Roy, who recommended the CETF explore engaging a consultant who might be a professional resource for the CETF. Determining scope of the report is a key part of engaging.

Potential scope:

- Simsbury buildings, including school buildings

- Town infrastructure (streetlights, etc)

- Do we want to include non-town assets (personal homes, businesses?)

- Rebaselining data collected in Simsbury for 2013 work

- Working with town billing company (THG Energy Solutions) to review town energy expenditures.

- Stay away from items that fall under other towns' broader "sustainability" plans (ie: water usage, open space preservation, etc)

- Some areas of transportation would be within-scope, as they (automobiles, etc.) are energy consumers

- If there are any investment/portfolio areas directly controlled by the town, understanding if any non-clean energy aligned investments are part of that portfolio

Thought is the CETF puts together a brief (10pg?) outline or overview

- Mimic the 1-page reviews on the Fairfield sustainability plan

- "The Need for Change"

1. Generation: Solar

2. Generation: Fuel cells

3. Transportation energy usage

4. Energy Efficiency in Buildings

5. Heating and cooling (incl. heat pumps)

6. Energy efficient procurement

7. Microgrids

8. Stakeholder: Municipality

9. Stakeholder: Residential

10. Stakeholder: Business

\$18,590 of funds are available for the CETF which includes the Bright Ideas Grant (9,500) which has already been committed

This program (the "tiles" program) just held a kickoff meeting with the software management company. First tiles will go in the Public Works department, Ice Skating Rink, WPCA, Town Hall, Library. Plan is they will

52 be moved to other town assets (Eno, etc) after the first buildings have had their data baseline collected. This
53 move-over will be managed by the town staff with some support from the contractor (Tumalow) on how to
54 do this. Baseline granularity is 1-minute timeframes for each circuit where they are installed.
55 Also, the contract was just signed for solar panels on the public works building and expect the ice skating
56 rink will be imminently awarded.
57 Avon, Farmington, West Hartford, Canton, Simsbury: all had representatives come together to review town
58 activities in the Clean Energy arenas. Tom Roy attended the first gathering, suggests that CETF members
59 may want to attend.
60 Commissioner Scully reported on efforts to incorporate additional solar as part of Board of Ed scope. No
61 action, just update
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64 **7. OPEN FORUM:**

65 No topics of discussion
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67 **8. NEXT MEETING:**

68 Next meeting date will be May 21st
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70 **9. ADJOURNMENT:**

71 A motion, second, and vote to adjourn the meeting at occurred at approximately 8:13pm. The motion was
72 unanimously approved.