

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
July 10, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Commissioner Beinstein in the Room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Jim Ray, Bill Butler, Susan Van Kleef, Mark Scully, Bob Beinstein and Regina Pynn.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON JUNE 12th, 2017:

The minutes from the June 12th meeting were reviewed by all. Commissioner Scully made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Pynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Amendments agreed are noted as follows:

- Amendment to page 1, line 25. Change "and that" to "and stated that"
- Amendment to page 1, line 40. Change "Cause of a heat island" to "Potential for solar panels to create a heat island effect"
- Amendment to page 1, line 42. Change "Adverse glare on aircraft" to "Adverse impact of glare on aircraft"
- Amendment to page 2, line 70. Change "FaceBook" to "Facebook"
- Amendment to page 2, line 70. Change "In order to insure that whatever method is in support" to "To insure that our methods are supportive"

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

Commissioner Beinstein opened the floor for public audience.

Mr. Michael Paine (Simsbury Board of Selectman and liaison to CETF), Ms. Linda Lough, Ms. Laura Nigro, Mr. Paul Horowitz and Ms. Ieke Scully were in attendance. With the current discussions in regard to the DeepWater Wind Tobacco Valley Solar (TVS) petition, they were all interested in the CETF's discussions in this regard. It was indicated that CETF along with all other commissions have now been asked to provide input to the Simsbury Board of Selectman as to the overall evaluation of the project and any areas of concern and recommendations. As such, CETF will be discussing that during the meeting which will be of interest to all those in the public audience. With no other comments or discussion for the public record, the public audience closed.

3. INITIAL DISCUSSION:

With the need to address the DWW TVS petition, a general discussion was held in regard to the rest of the agenda. It was determined that the topics in regard to the 100% Simsbury Plan and the Fall Solarize Program also would need to be covered. As such, Commissioner Van Kleef moved to table the rest of the regular agenda items to only cover these three topics. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

4. DWW TOBACCO VALLEY SOLAR PETITION DISCUSSION:

At the last meeting on June 12th, a draft list of concerns/issues that had been brought up during the prior meetings about the project had been listed with efforts to find peer reviewed data to address them. Subsequent to the last meeting, DWW formally filed a petition with the Connecticut Siting Council. This generated the recent request to provide input for the Simsbury Board of Selectman with input requested by July 31st. A general discussion was held in regard to what additional information would be necessary to formulate a formal response as well as the potential for a Special Meeting later this month in order to formally review the final document. The following items were identified for additional research.

- A review of the Connecticut Siting Council criteria that they will be used to evaluate the petition.
- A review of other sites/petitions that are part of the Tri-State RFP as potential information that could be used in the DWW petition evaluation.
- A general assessment of the positives and negatives of the proposed project in particular regard to Simsbury's best interests. As part of the assessment, include potential recommendations for changes where it would more beneficial for Simsbury and its residents as well as specific concerns.

- 53 - Evaluation of the petition in respect to criteria/objectives of the Simsbury Plan of Conservation and Development,
54 the 100% Simsbury Plan and the mission of CETF.
55 - Finalize the peer reviewed data in regard to the concerns/issues that have been previously raised during the prior
56 Simsbury forums.
57 - An evaluation of the suitability of the site.
58 Various assignments were made to members of the CETF to formulate/draft specific sections of the response with a
59 target of July 19th to have a draft ready for the start of review by all CETF members.
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61 **5. FALL SOLARIZE PROGRAM DISCUSSION:**

62 Commissioner Butler had been asked if the CETF would be interested in doing a second Simsbury Solarize program in
63 the fall. A general discussion indicated that with prior solar installations and the 2014 Solarize Program, it was not
64 expected that this would generate very many more installations. The amount of work and planning done for the prior
65 program also required a lot more time to be ready for one. With other efforts of CETF, there was not support to take
66 this on. Commissioner Butler moved that this program not be done by CETF. Commissioner Pynn seconded the
67 motion and it was approved by all.
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69 **6. 100% SIMSBURY PLAN:**

70 Commissioner Scully reported that he had a meeting on June 19th at Town Hall in regard to a Simsbury microgrid
71 project with over 20 people in attendance. Very promising as he is getting positive support from all. He is continuing
72 to work with Clean Coalition, Arcadia Center, Connecticut Green Bank and Eversource to further this to put forward a
73 specific proposal.
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75 **7. NEXT MEETING:**

76 The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 14th. A Special Meeting will be set up later in July if necessary to
77 finalize the response to the Simsbury Board of Selectman in regard to DWW Tobacco Valley Solar petition.
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79 **8. ADJOURNMENT:**

80 Commissioner Scully motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by
81 Commissioner Van Kleef and unanimously approved.