

**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
**November 13, 2017**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON JULY 25, 2017 AND OCTOBER 10, 2017:**

The minutes from the July 25th and the October 10th meeting were reviewed by all. Commissioner Scully made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Van Kleef seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

**2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:**

Commissioner Ray opened the floor for public audience.

Mr. Tom Roy, Simsbury Director of Public Works, Ms. Renee Bradford and Ms. Lori Fernand were in attendance. Ms. Bradford and Ms. Fernand provided an overview of current bans on fracking waste at the Connecticut state level and a number of towns in Connecticut from information they had received from Ms. Jen Siskind of Food & Water Watch. The information indicates that the state's ban is limited in the types of waste products and is also is not permanent. As such, they would like to see a town ordinance in Simsbury that covers all products as it is not known what changes will be done at the state level. After discussion, they indicated that they are still in the data gathering stage and are not ready yet to put together a specific recommendation for the town. Members of CETF indicated that this was not directly related to the mission of this group, but felt that a better avenue for discussion for the town would be the Conservation Commission. They will keep CETF informed of their progress.

Mr. Roy discussed the town's part for the proposed plan for the second Bright Idea Grant. Commissioner Beinstein had provided a draft proposal at the last meeting that included the application of the energy data collection system along with the associated energy management systems for local businesses with the same to be done for the town's buildings. After discussion, it was felt that the town could start with the systems first and then they could be made available for local businesses as they are easily transferable. Mr. Roy took an action to prepare an overall proposal for the second grant.

With no other comments or discussion for the public record, the public audience closed.

**3. BRIGHT IDEA GRANT - DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR SECOND GRANT:**

Actions for the proposal for the grant were discussed during the public audience.

**4. SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY ADVANTAGE PLANS/STATUS DISCUSSION:**

Further efforts for this effort are pending the finalization of the plans for the second Bright Idea Grant as to how they can be utilized for the local businesses.

**5. 100% SIMSBURY PLAN:**

Commissioner Scully indicated that the possibility of a microgrid around the Simsbury High School is currently at a standstill as no source has been found for handling the detailed engineering for the electrical connectivity plan and the needed energy storage system. He is still contacting possible sources, but with the current deadline to submit an initial proposal to Eversource by their December 1st deadline, means this might not be able to get this done at this time. He will keep the CETF members informed if any new lead develops.

**6: DEEP WATER WIND SOLAR FARM DISCUSSION:**

The process is continuing with the final decision to be made by the Connecticut Siting Council by December 26th. No further discussion at this meeting.

**7. OPEN FORUM:**

No additional topics were discussed.

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55 **8. NEXT MEETING:**

56 The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 11th.

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58 **9. ADJOURNMENT:**

59 Commissioner Pynn motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by

60 Commissioner Van Kleef and unanimously approved.