

**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES**  
**July 20, 2019**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. by Commissioner Beinstein using Zoom with the following members present: Bob Beinstein, Cheri Calnan, and Mark Scully. Guests included Ray Harris, Project Manager in the Department of Public Works and Susan Olson, a resident.

**1. PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

There was public audience. Susan Olson, Co-Leader for District 5 of Citizen's Climate Lobby, urged the Task Force to consider declaring a Climate Emergency. In Connecticut, New Haven and New Britain have already done this. Susan also informed the group about a simulation tool called "Enroads" for analyzing the impact of various policies on the climate.

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The minutes from December 16, 2019 were reviewed by all. A motion was made by Cheri Calnan and was seconded by Mark Scully to approve the minutes. All commissioners voted in favor and the motion passed.

**3. UPDATE ON SUSTAINABLE CT**

The Sustainable Simsbury Committee held its first meeting since February last week. The agenda focused on setting goals for next two years. It has been one year since Simsbury's certification, which is valid for three years. Initiatives planned by the committee include: A Pollinator Pathway, Water Management, Facebook Page for Sustainable Simsbury, engaging the community and working to engage youth. A series of lectures at Library had been planned for earlier in the year, but was put on hold due to Coronavirus.

**4. OUTREACH FOR ENERGY PLAN**

No update was provided.

**5. UPDATE ON CONVERSATIONS WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Cheri Calnan and Mark Scully reported on discussions with Andy O'Brien, Operations Manager for the Board of Education. While no detailed plans were made, several potential future initiatives were discussed. Some of these will be discussed under Item 6 of the agenda.

Mark Scully reported on discussions with the Board of Education initiated by Mike Tanca regarding electric school buses. Mike and Mark explored the possibility of obtaining a grant for purchasing an electric bus. In the end, the Board of Ed decided not to proceed now, as the economics of electric buses are challenging without grants.

**6. PLANS FOR REMAINDER OF 2020**

- Residential Efficiency Campaign: This initiative was put on hold due to Coronavirus. Going forward, the Task Force would like to consider an event to promote energy efficiency and Home Energy Solutions (HES) audits.
- Shared solar proposal: The Town submitted a project into the 2016 shared solar pilot program. The state now has a larger program and the Task Force would like to develop a project for the 2021 round.
- School solar RFP: The Task Force agreed to initiate discussions with the Board of Ed regarding soliciting bids for solar on school roofs and parking lots.

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory: The Task Force will review a potential upcoming opportunity to develop a detailed GHG inventory using the ClearPath tool offered by ICLEI.

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

No discussion took place under Open Forum.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Cheri Calnan made a motion to adjourn at 6:00. Mark Scully seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Scully