

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
May 2, 2016
REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Commissioner Beinstein in the Room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Bob Beinstein, Mark Scully, and Susan Van Kleef.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON APRIL 4th, 2016:

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed by all. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Commissioner Scully and seconded by Commissioner Beinstein. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

Commissioner Beinstein opened the floor for public audience. Bill Butler, who is interested in joining the Task Force, was present. Jim Ray will follow up with the Republican Town Committee about his nomination. Will Scully updated the Task Force about choosing a vendor for the Green Business Challenge program. References for the three vendors were positive. The vendors are JK Energy Solutions, NEXEGEN LLC, and Possidento Therrien Electrical Contractors, LLC. Eversource does a half-day training for the vendors. The program will be rolled out at a joint Avon/Simsbury Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 22, 2016. Paul Horowitz was also in attendance as an observer. Commissioner Beinstein closed public audience.

3. SOLAR ARRAY FOR HIGH SCHOOL There have been no updates about this project. Commissioner Van Kleef will follow up with Tom Roy.

4. GREEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE PROGRAM PLANS DISCUSSION: After further discussion about choosing a vendor Commissioner Scully moved that we choose JK Energy Solutions and NEXEGEN LLC as the vendors for the GBC program. Commissioner Van Kleef seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. JK Energy Solutions has committed to \$50.00 or 2% of each project as a donation to charity. NEXEGEN has committed to \$50.00 for each project completed. A question was raised about whether the charitable contribution policy should be uniform. Discussion of choosing a charity was put off until the next meeting.

5. 100% SIMSBURY PLAM: Commissioner Scully updated the Task Force about the 100% Simsbury Plan. Yale students are doing a survey to estimate the amount of solar potential in Simsbury and West Hartford. Simsbury is not in Google Sunroof so the estimate for Simsbury is an extrapolation. Carports at Simsbury High School and Conard High School will also be included. Commissioner Scully will be meeting with Carmello Cerna, Vice-President at Eversource for Strategic Planning on May 2, 2016 and with the Acadia Center and Clean Coalition on May 3, 2016.

6. SHARED SOLAR DISCUSSION: A vendor review meeting is planned for May 3.

32 **7. APPROVAL OF STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY TOM ROY FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**

33 **STATION:** Tom Roy requested approval by the Task Force of a statement in a memo to the Board of Selectman about
34 the EV charging station. The statement is “The addition of an EV charging station in Simsbury is strongly supported by
35 Clean Energy Task Force and will demonstrates our Town’s support of “green” infrastructure.” Commissioner Van Kleef
36 made a motion to approve the statement. Commissioner Scully seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion
37 passed.

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39 **8. OPEN FORUM:** No additional topics were discussed.

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42 **8. NEXT MEETING :** The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 6, 2016

43 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

44 Commissioner Van Kleef motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by
45 Commissioner Scully and unanimously approved.