

**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
**September 6, 2016**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Commissioner Beinstein in the Room 103 of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Susan Van Kleeef, Jim Ray, Mark Scully and Bob Beinstein.

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6th, 2016:**

The minutes from the September 6th meeting was reviewed by all. Commissioner Van Kleeef made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Scully seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Amendments agreed are noted as follows:

- Amendment to page 1, line 25. Change "town owned" to "town-owned".
- Amendment to page 2, line 62. Change "NEXEGEN," to "NXEGEN".

**2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:**

Commissioner Beinstein opened the floor for Public Audience. No comments were entered into the public record and the forum was closed.

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

Commissioner Van Kleeef contacted Portland, CT as they had done a prior effort utilizing an infrared survey. Based on her discussion with them, they did not do a large marketing effort and it was not that successful. It was generally agreed that there is not enough information known right now so further research will be necessary. One concept discussed would be to supplement this effort with State approved firms doing the home energy audits. Costs to do the effort and which firms do this type of effort as part of their normal energy audit business outside of the State energy audits would be useful. Commissioner Van Kleeef will do further research for discussion at the next meeting.

**4. HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION STATUS UPDATE:**

Mr. Tom Roy, Simsbury Director of Public Works had indicated progress was being made on finalizing the plan for the installation of the solar panels on the high school. Commissioner Beinstein will follow up with Mr. Burke LaClair, Simsbury Schools Business Manager, to get a schedule.

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

At the August 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectman meeting, they approved the Small Business Energy Advantage program. The letter is still being finalized that will go out to each of the businesses. A planned Chamber of Commerce event is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> that will include a presentation of the program.

**6. CETF WEBSITE PLAN DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner Van Kleeef had prepared a draft time line of CETF and Town energy activities for consideration for use on the website. Commissioner Ray had added additional items by reviewing past minutes. Commissioner Van Kleeef will to update this listing with further input from CETF members and Mr. Tom Roy, Simsbury Director of Public Works.

**7. 100% SIMSBURY PLAN:**

As noted at the last meeting, this is a long term activity so a lot more effort will be required to finalize an overall plan. Commissioner Scully is continuing to work with various groups for both synergism and potential funding. He is working through the People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE) group to provide a well-known source for further emphasis. Besides the solar potential analysis being done, efforts for energy conservation and a possible community micro-grid are being explored. A meeting is scheduled with Eversource later this month to continue to include them in the discussions.

54 **8. SHARED SOLAR STATUS:**

55 The basic concept of the shared solar plan was approved at the Board of Selectman meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, but the  
56 lease agreement required further work and a public hearing before final approval. A Special Board of Selectman  
57 meeting was scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> for this purpose. After the Public Hearing on the 29<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Selectman  
58 approved the lease with some final changes. Ameresco, Inc. completed the proposal and it was submitted to the State  
59 for consideration by their due date of September 1<sup>st</sup>. It was felt that the use of the landfill site was good based on the  
60 recent press about the loss of farmland and other open land for solar installations, but what criteria the State will  
61 ultimately use to make their selections is unknown.

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63 **9. OPEN FORUM:**

64 No additional topics were discussed.

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66 **10. NEXT MEETING**

67 The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 4th.

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69 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

70 Commissioner Van Kleef motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by

71 Commissioner Ray and unanimously approved.