

**CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES**  
**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**  
**December 5, 2016**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Commissioner Beinstein in the Main Conference Room of Simsbury Town Hall, with the following members present: Jim Ray, Mark Scully and Bob Beinstein.

**1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7th, 2016:**

The minutes from the November 7th meeting was reviewed by all. Commissioner Scully made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Beinstein seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Amendments agreed are noted as follows:

- Amendment to page 1, line 32. Change "was no criteria" to "were no criteria".
- Amendment to page 1, line 34. Change "has already indicated that it would not be" to "has indicated that it is unlikely that it would be".
- Amendment to page 1, line 34. Change "As such, shared solar is not feasible under the state demonstration program but will be reconsidered in the future if a new round of proposals is requested or if they authorize shared solar to be provided in the state." to "As such, the shared solar proposal was not selected for the 'fast track' part of the program but still may be possible. Mr. Tom Roy to update as information becomes available."
- Amendment to page 1, line 52. Change "7 pin" to "7-pin".

**2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:**

Commissioner Beinstein opened the floor for Public Audience.

Mr. Bill Butler indicated that the Small Business Energy Advantage (SBEA) letter had been sent out to the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce to all of their members via an e-blast without any need for the previously indicated funding. The two vendors, NXEGEN LLC and JK Energy Solutions are to still to visit 125 Powder Forest Drive for a potential energy audit. Mr. Butler plans to invite both vendors to the next CETF meeting to provide an update of their status so far and plans for the future. Ms. Ali Jackman, from the Eversource Clean Energy Communities/Energy Efficiency program, had previously indicated that she would put together a news article in regard to Simsbury's SBEA program, but has not done so as yet. She currently has indicated that she will be out of office until after the first of the year but that Ms. Samantha Sojka is filling in during the interim. As such, Mr. Butler will follow-up with her first to check on the status.

Mr. Paul Horowitz was also in attendance but indicated he was only there to observe.

No additional comments were entered into the public record and the forum was closed.

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

Commissioner Van Kleef indicated via e-mail that she currently does not have any further information on the thermal imaging possibility and will provide an update at the next meeting.

**4. HIGH SCHOOL SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION STATUS UPDATE/ALTERNATIVE USE OF FUNDS:**

Mr. Tom Roy, Simsbury Director of Public Works, indicated in an e-mail prior to the meeting that he has received a positive proposal from a state approved vendor and is coordinating that with Mr. Burke LaClair, Simsbury Schools Business Manager and Mr. Bob Wall, Connecticut Green Bank to finalize the arrangement. He will plan to present this to the Simsbury Board of Selectman in December in time to get the approval in place before year end. This will secure the state's grant of \$40,500 before the deadline.

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

This was discussed by Mr. Bill Butler during the public audience.

54 **6. CETF WEBSITE PLAN DISCUSSION:**

55 Commissioner Van Kleef indicated via e-mail that she has not yet heard back from Mr. Rick Bazzano, Simsbury  
56 Computer Manager, about the CETF link to the Town website. She will provide an update at the next meeting.  
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58 **7. 100% SIMSBURY PLAN:**

59 Commissioner Scully indicated many efforts are still underway including the calculations for Simsbury buildings along  
60 with discussions with other like interest groups. These include sustainment related aspects along with alternative  
61 energy related to parking lots and faith based energy efforts for their buildings. Commissioner Scully also has been in  
62 discussion with Eversource in regard to a pilot program for a community microgrid. As this evolves, it was discussed  
63 that a presentation at the Simsbury Library and/or a discussion on Simsbury Community TV may be appropriate.  
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65 **8. SIMSBURY PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:**

66 Commissioner Scully indicated that he has several inputs relative to the energy aspects suitable for the Simsbury  
67 POCD. He indicated that he will plan to attend on the public sessions that have been schedule by the Simsbury  
68 Planning Commission. The next one is schedule for December 13th and he will try to attend that one if in town.  
69 Commissioner Beinstein requested that he inform him when he does plan to attend, as Commissioner Beinstein will  
70 also try to attend.  
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72 **9. OPEN FORUM:**

73 No additional topics were discussed.  
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75 **10. NEXT MEETING**

76 The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 9th.  
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78 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

79 Commissioner Scully motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by  
80 Commissioner Ray and unanimously approved.