

CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE MINUTES
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
October 5, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

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

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 8th, 2015:

The minutes from the meeting of September 8, 2015 were reviewed. Commissioner Scully made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Van Kleef seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

- Amendment to page 1, line 21. Undo the capitalization for 'return on investment.'
- Amendment to page 1, line 22. Undo the capitalization for 'request for proposal' and 'electric vehicle.'

2. PUBLIC AUDIENCE:

Commissioner Beinstein opened the floor for public audience.

Mr. Tom Roy, Simsbury Director of Public Works, indicated that the earned solar panel installation at the high school is progressing as the School District has left over budget for their energy related efforts that can cover the needed engineering analysis and installation of the conduit for the wiring. He indicated that the C-Tec Solar proposal is for a 15 kW system versus the previous information that had indicated it was for 11 kW. It was agreed that once this is finally completed, a special event/publicity will be done to celebrate this achievement.

As requested at the last meeting, Mr. Roy provided a list of potential town projects that may be eligible for the use of the Bright Ideas grant funding. Also from the last meeting, Ms. Ali Jackman, from the Eversource Clean Energy Communities/energy efficiency program, had been invited to attend this meeting to review these projects as to which ones would be eligible. Each project that was identified by Mr. Roy were thus reviewed in sequence with Ms. Jackman indicating which ones would be eligible. These are listed below with the determination:

- a. Purchase and re-lamp the town's street lights to LED's - this would be eligible.
- b. Replace two boilers in Town Hall with higher efficiency condensing boilers - this would be eligible.
- c. Performance grade audit of town buildings to develop upgrade/replacement schedule of all mechanical equipment - this would be eligible.
- d. New insulation at the town's six low income rental houses - this would be eligible.
- e. Purchase of an electric vehicle for the town - this would not be eligible.

These will be further discussed/prioritized during the formal agenda item.

Ms. Jackman had previously indicated that Eversource could help with the Green Business Challenge program and would get further information for this meeting. Ms. Jackman provided a handout of Energize CT small business programs and similar efforts already being done in other towns. A general discussion was held as to utilize their support and timing for events. It was generally agreed that a kick-off event would be best after the 1st of the year with possibly something in January. Eversource would coordinate vendors who provide energy related services that would be part of this event. Possible contacts within Simsbury for businesses were identified as the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, Main Street Partnership and the Simsbury Economic Development Commission. Ms. Jackman will discuss with the Eversource staff and provide information as to a proposed plan for the next meeting. As no further business was brought forward, Commissioner Beinstein closed public audience.

3. BRIGHT IDEA PROPOSAL DISCUSSION:

A general discussion of the proposed projects identified by Mr. Roy was held with agreement that the ones that the group felt were the ones to consider first were the street lights and the insulation of the rental houses. Commissioner Scully indicated that he also would like to have considered his proposed 100% Simsbury plan that is discussed in a later agenda item. A final decision on the Bright Idea Proposal will be done at the next meeting in order to get additional details for each possible candidate.

54 **4. GREEN BUSINESS CHALLENGE PROGRAM PLANS DISCUSSION:**

55 Discussed during the Public Audience with further discussion about Eversource support to continue at the next
56 meeting.

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58 **5. CETF WEBSITE PLAN DISCUSSION:**

59 No new update at this time.

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61 **6. SCHOOL SOLAR PROPOSAL DISCUSSION:**

62 The school solar proposal has now evolved to a total energy plan. Commissioner Scully provided a draft plan for
63 100% Simsbury renewable energy by 2050. This plan is to be reviewed by all members for further discussion at next
64 meeting. Ms. Jackman took a copy for review to determine feasibility for some funding under the Bright Ideas
65 program.

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67 **7. OPEN FORUM:**

68 No additional topics were discussed.

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70 **8. NEXT MEETING**

71 The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 2, 2015.

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73 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

74 Commissioner Van Kleef motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
75 Osborne and unanimously approved.