



City of Middletown
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2016

Present

Chair Jennifer Kleindienst, Dmitri D'Alesandro, Councilman Gerry Daley, John Hall, Augie DeFrance

Absent

Larry Chatfield, Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski, Jeff Pugliese, Audrey J. Scotti

Also Present

Christopher M. Holden, PE, Staff, Michael Harris – Energy Coordinator
Jeff Myjak and John Greeno

1. Chair Opens Meeting

The meeting opened at 07:08 P.M. in Room B-19.

2. Approval of Minutes

Augie DeFrance moved approval of the minutes for the January 20, 2016, seconded by John Hall, approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present for comment.

4. Old Business

A. Greenskies Solar Power Purchase Agreement for Higy Water Treatment Plant

Gerry Daley recommended that draft report be sent to the Common Council. Michael Harris reported that Joe Samolis is setting up a meeting to discuss the CETF's recommended changes to the Solar Power Purchase Agreement.

B. Home Energy Solutions

Home Energy Solutions to be promoted Citywide. John Greeno, New England Conservation Services presented the letter that was sent out the last time this was promoted. He stated that the same provision will be included with the service.

Jennifer Kleindienst to update the letter that will be sent out to residents. Michael Harris will coordinate this effort with Jennifer. It was previously determined that the City would partner with New England Conservation Services and Victory Energy Solutions. It was stated that ERG would not be used.

C. Middletown Energy Plan

Dmitri D'Alesandro the Middletown Energy Plan (MEP) doesn't read very easy, it is too specific. Dmitri D'Alesandro suggested that a new plan be developed instead of modifying the existing plan. Michael Harris reported that he has developed an outline that is more of a vision or philosophy. John Hall reminded everyone that the MEP is voted on by the Common Council and that the plan should be incorporated into the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Jennifer Kleindienst stated that LEED is not the end all; money ends up being spent to earn LEED points instead of effective energy efficiency items. LEED certified gets projects tax abatements.

Dmitri D'Alesandro will host a MEP review meeting. The meeting will be scheduled using doodle.

5. New Business

A. Clean Energy Workshop

Michael Harris presented his report from the workshop. It included topics on benchmarking through Eversource for municipal buildings. Michael Harris then went into his general report.

- LED street light conversion economic evaluation of pilot areas to expand to larger areas. This will include evaluating high incidence areas where safety is an issue.
- The High School fuel cell needs to be replaced. Michael Harris is working on whether or not to replace in kind or even double the size, with a Doosan fuel cell.
- Evaluated the Greenskies Solar Power Purchase Agreement.
- The electric cars have been purchased through a grant.

B. Bulb Swap

How can we fund? CETF could use BIG (Bright Ideas Grant). It was suggested to use around \$5,000 of the grant. What is the best use of the money? Try working with NEAT to distribute the LED bulbs, four bulbs per family. Techni-Art runs the bulb swap at the hazardous collections scheduled for September 17.

C. Upcoming events

- i. Jonah Center program on CT's Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, Resiliency Policies and Plans by Jessie Stratton, DEEP, 3/29 7 PM (CETF is co-sponsoring)
- ii. April CETF meeting: overview of Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) and how it relates to Middletown/CETF by John Humphries, CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs
- iii. Riverfront Encounter, Harbor Park, 5/7 12-5 PM (NECS will represent CETF)
- iv. May CETF meeting: CT's Energy Future and Community Solar by Tyler Soleau, Community Outreach Director – Energy and Climate, Arcadia Center

6. Other**A. CETF Membership**

There was some discussion as to who should be able to be a member of the CETF. In the end it was determined that staff should not be considered a member of the CETF. There are terms for all of the members. Audrey J. Scotti is still interested in being on the CETF.

B. Ideas to Consider

- No Idle Program
- Solarize CT
- Energy Resilience Pilot
- Schools Program
- Plan of Conservation & Development
- Promoting energy efficiency resources to local business

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016, to be held in Room 208 of the Municipal Building at 12:30 PM.

Submitted for approval by:



Christopher M. Holden, PE
Deputy Director of Public Works

