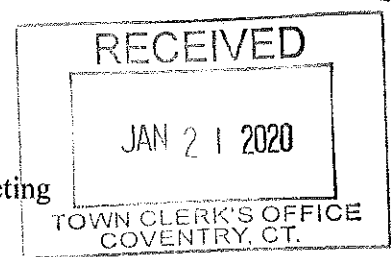


Town of Coventry
Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Committee Meeting



Meeting: January 8, 2020

Location: Department of Public Works

Members Present: Jenn Reilly, Kristine Dennis, Cameron Crouch

Members Absent: Mark Keifer, Jesse Hayes

Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Jenn moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 4, 2019. Cameron seconded, there was no discussion, all were in favor.

Old Business:

Farmers Market Going Green event- Committee would prefer for June 14, 2020.

- Jenn has been corresponding with Market organizers and will let them know June 14th works best for the Committee.
- Jenn is attending a regional energy meeting this coming Saturday and will see if any of the towns in the area want to also table at the event. Will also see if UConn can present a table on composting and community gardens as they have a good program.
- Update on AAA, they don't have trucks available to bring backup batteries, however the event is only 3 hours, so the Committee doesn't foresee the vehicles needing a charge. The Committee plans to include the locations of nearby chargers in the info they prepare for the car dealers participating.
- Recruiting car dealerships- We should try to get different types of vehicles so the public can see all different levels. Cameron is going to reach out to various dealers to get a wide range of vehicles.
- Ride and Drive route- Committee will look into planning a route.
- Waiting on paperwork from the Farmers Market organization so we can prepare paperwork to give out to vendors.

Social media blast- Committee is interested in creating a Facebook page to better inform the town about events and information.

Committee Budget- We are still waiting to hear on the final allotment for 2020.

Home Energy Solutions Audits- Contact one of the companies to determine which one wants to work with us. If they are interested then we can discuss next steps (letter, tabling events, etc.) Kristine will reach out to these companies.

Compost bins at the schools- Jenn spoke with Bill Trudell at the school regarding the composting program there. They have implemented the bins, however the staff isn't fully trained on the process, but it's an improvement for the schools.

School Building Committee Update- No updates on this committee for the energy committee. Jenn will participate in February.

Microgrid project. No update on this project.

LED Projects- All projects have been approved by the utilities, with estimated KW savings provided to the Town Manager. No update on this project.

Solar light at DPW- No update here, the light still does not work.

EV charging stations in town- The town does want more charging stations in time, however there isn't any money in the budget. We can look and see if there is state funding available. Still looking at options for creating policies on the use of the charging stations in town.

Monthly announcement for the schools- The Committee will propose topics for the March meeting, at which time the Committee will decide which areas to focus on and can assign the announcements at that time to begin with the 2020-2021 school year.

New Business:

Jenn is planning to attend the Eastern CT Green Action (ECGA) committee meeting on Saturday, January 11th in Mansfield and shared details about the meeting with other members.

Business on Hold:

Holiday recycling tabling event. The Committee will look into ways to display information around town to inform residents about proper recycling habits over the holidays. This project is on hold until later into 2020.

Next meeting scheduled for February 5, 2020.

Jenn made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm, Cameron seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Dennis
Secretary