

Town of Coventry

Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Committee Meeting

Meeting: August 3, 2022

Location: Virtual meeting due to Covid-19

Members Present: Jenn Reilly, Cameron Croutch, Bill Watkins, Bill Glenney

Members Absent: Caroline Davis, Kristine Dennis, Wayne Daignault

Audience of Citizens: None

Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

Approval of the minutes: Jenn made a motion to table the minutes from the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting due to not enough members who attended the June meeting were present

Old Business:

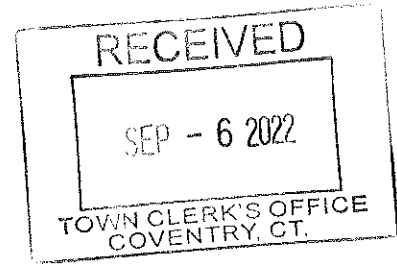
Farmer's Market- Going Green event is all set for October 16, 2022. Krissie to come up with ideas for ways that school children to exhibit energy savings options. Cameron is reaching out to EV dealers to gauge interest in bringing vehicles to showcase. The Committee also plans to invite local EV drivers to showcase their vehicles during the event and help answer questions from the public. Other possible topics include: food recycling (counter food bins), a display on the Anerobic digester (AG-Grid Energy), info on the depackaging plant, Clean Energy incentives for residents (utilities and CT Green Bank), info about Paint Recycling and Paint Care program at transfer station, staff from the DPW providing info on recycling.

Other outreach activities being considered: Running a phone, tablet, computer recycling event-Take 2 Electronics Recycling; Fall event to promote Home Energy Solution audits.

Pollinator- Energy Committee wrote to Eric Thomas with Open Spaces Committee to work on a joint project. Eric informed Energy Committee that the town is working on a project at Creaser Park for some pollinator options, however the Open Spaces Committee doesn't have the bandwidth to add on more projects right now. Jenn will reach out to Mindy Gosslin who is the town representative working on the Creaser Park project to inquire if the Committee can help with this endeavor.

Recycling: Committee is still looking into how residents can get an extra recycling bin. Currently DPW does not offer a list or reservation system for obtaining a second bin and All-American Waste have not provided a cost estimate for residents that want a second bin. Bill Watkins stated that the dumpsters at the transfer station are filling up within an hour of recycling materials and is planning to talk to Casella Waste about new recycling bins for the transfer station.

EV Chargers- CT DEEP has offered additional incentives for businesses and municipalities that are interested in installing EV chargers. These incentives are able to be combined with PURA's EV Infrastructure Make Ready Program that Eversource and United Illuminating are currently managing. Several EV charging vendors have contacted the town to propose pricing options and have asked to meet with town personnel to evaluate potential town sites for EVSE development.



Microgrid project- Project is still in a minor standstill. Looking at possibly adding solar or a natural gas generator but no real progress has been made.

Committee wants to put together a monthly or quarterly newsletter to go out to town residents with important updates and items on energy efficiency and projects in town. Committee to check in with Wayne Daignault on the progress of this project.

School Building Committee- Working on getting an extension through PURA for a portion of the solar aspect of the school roof project. The town was able to find a vendor to complete a portion of the roof project during the summer of 2022 and Earthlight has been able to coordinate some of the solar project to coincide with the portion of the school roofs that are being completed over the summer. Additional work on the roofs will still be needed to be completed in summer of 2023 but areas of the roof that were of most concern (leaking) are being prioritized this summer.

New Business:

Due to member conflicts, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 6, 2022 at 6:30. Still looking to hold a virtual meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Glenny at 7:16pm, seconded by Cameron Croutch. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Reilly