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Town of Coventry

Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Committee

Meeting June 1, 2016 6:30 PM

Members Present: Jennifer Reilly, Danielle Kloster, Mark Keifer, Tim Sadler

Members Absent: Brandon Bradley, Andy DePalma

Audience of Citizens: WEBELOS/Arrow of Light Coventry's Pack 65

Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Jenn Reilly moved to approve the minutes from May 4th, there was no discussion, all were in favor.

Old Business:

Jenn Reilly reported that she has looked through the proposals for vendors for the Solarize campaign. The selection committee will be Jenn Reilly, Joe Callahan, and John Elsesser. They will interview the top three options on Monday at Town Hall and will start to develop ideas on how to market to the community. Some options include: every other weekend or every three weeks at the Coventry Farmers' Market, an event at Cassidy Hill Vineyard, and the Fourth of July town event. Jenn will get a list of other town events from the town for the committee to participate in. The launch event will likely be held in Coventry High School auditorium. Tim Sadler also suggested having an event for the first installation. During the last round of Solarize, Tim had this event at his house and had good turnout. The town will get points for each person that signs up to help purchase other renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Jenn Reilly updated the committee that the Home Energy Solutions Audit letters have been mailed to residents this week. There will likely be another mailing in the fall. Victory Energy is booked for four weeks at the Coventry Farmers' Market to advertise the audits.

Jenn Reilly informed the committee that John Elsesser is still working with Eversource to fill in the missing LED streetlights along Main Street.

Jenn Reilly reported that John Elsesser would like to move forward with the LEDs at Town Hall. Tim Sadler suggested that John ask Lantern whether the town qualifies with Small Business On-Bill Financing, in which case the town could purchase the LED lights at 0% financing.

Jenn Reilly updated that the Patriot's Park lighting at the band shell is waiting for Ackert Electric to have time to finish up.

Jenn Reilly reported that the town is bidding out propane.

Jenn Reilly updated that the town is still waiting for DBS to start the solar installation on the North Coventry fire hall.

Jenn Reilly updated that the high school is using more electricity than before solar. The school is looking into what the issue may be.

Mark Keifer reported that the Council has renewed the contract for trash pick-up.

Jenn Reilly reported that John Elsesser is still interested in finding locations in town that are eligible for solar. Tim Sadler reported that he has met with several town officials to examine a variety of locations and there are not currently any good locations for roof top solar arrays.

Jenn Reilly informed the committee that CHS received a grant from DEEP to cover the incremental cost of a new EV and also a grant for an EV charging station that will be located at the high school. The committee discussed other areas that might be appropriate for an EV charger-the library, the DPW.

Jenn Reilly attended the Green Circle Award dinner and the committee received a plaque for being a finalist.

The committee is waiting for feedback from John Elsesser on the town energy policy.

New Business

John Elsesser is looking to install a fuel cell at the high school through a power purchase agreement to take further advantage of the natural gas pipeline coming into Town Hall. However, the system's that are currently on the market would be too large for the current high school electricity usage. The fuel cell company is developing a smaller model, so the high school may be able to be a demonstration for those units in the future.

Tabling for Coventry Farmers' Market

The committee is planning to do tabling for Solarize with the vendor the Town chooses and it was discussed that the committee should also try to recruit people to the committee via the market.

Tim Sadler moved to cancel the July 6th meeting due to member scheduling issues, Jenn seconded the motion, there was no discussion, all were in favor.

The next meeting will be August 3, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Jenn Reilly called the meeting to a close at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Kloster