

Town of Coventry

Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Committee



Meeting October 5, 2016 6:30 PM

**Members Present:** Jennifer Reilly, Danielle Kloster, Tim Sadler, Andy DePalma

**Members Absent:** Brandon Bradley, Mark Keifer

**Audience of Citizens:** N/A

**Call to Order:** Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Andy DePalma moved to approve the minutes from August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tim Sadler seconded the motion, there was no discussion, all were in favor.

**Old Business:**

Jenn Reilly updated the committee that LED streetlight project is still going well.

Jenn Reilly reported that the CNG line is coming in; it was supposed to be in by December and now it is projected to be completed in April.

Danielle Kloster reported that the building committee has received bids for boilers replacement with high efficiency gas boilers for the high school and middle school and for either replacing the boilers in the complex or converting them with natural gas burners.

Jenn Reilly reported that the Solarize campaign is going well and there are 8-10 contracts in place.

Jenn Reilly updated the committee that North Coventry solar project is underway.

Jenn Reilly reported that the town is waiting on the Connecticut Green Bank to approve grants for LED lights in the community center.

Jenn Reilly updated that the town is back on track with Energy STAR data and benchmarking. Danielle will bring this to the attention of the School Building Committee.

Danielle Kloster asked the committee if the energy policy is moving forward. Danielle will look into whether the energy policy would fit into the town's Plan for Conservation and Development and what the next steps might be to move the policy forward.

**New Business**

Jenn Reilly reported that John Elsesser worked with a developer to site a solar farm, but the substations in town are not large enough to handle the load. Andy DePalma

wondered where the closest substation would be that could handle the load. Andy will look into the potential for community solar.

Jenn Reilly reported that John Elssesser informed her that the EV charger at Town Hall has been full recently so he has not been able to recharge his car. Tim Sadler reported that there was conduit run in the carports next to Town Hall so new chargers could be installed there. The committee recommends to the town that another charger or two be installed on the car ports if funding is available.

Tim Sadler is interested in replacing lighting with LEDs in more of the town buildings and in installing more carports in town parking lots. Rexel is an electric distributor that can lease lighting projects through an LED financing program. The lighting will pay for itself during the financing period. The committee discussed solar options over the bleachers on the school fields and in the medians in the parking lots. Jenn is looking into grants that might cover these and similar projects.

Jenn Reilly reported that there is some interest in putting a composting program in the schools and that there are grants available from DEEP.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm. The following meeting will be November 30, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Jenn Reilly called the meeting to a close at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Kloster