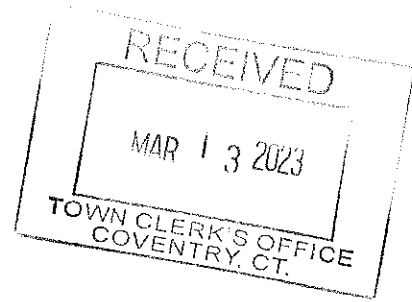


Town of Coventry
Energy Efficiency and Alternative Energy Committee Meeting
Meeting: February 1, 2022
Location: Virtual meeting
Members Present: Jenn Reilly, Kristine Dennis
Members Absent: Cameron Croutch, Bill Watkins,
Audience of Citizens: None
Call to Order: Jenn Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM



Jenn Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting, Kristine Dennis seconded. All voted in favor. Jenn Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting Kristine Dennis seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

Electric bikes- No update on this potential project.

Food waste program- The town of Windsor is piloting a program where they are utilizing the funds from the mini bottles to do a town-wide composting program. TownofWindsor.com/compost. Committee to explore this as an option by getting quotes on bins (IKEA or another vendor). Possibly to investigate contacting Windsor to understand their lessons learned.

No update on the paint recycling program to launch at the transfer station. DPW is looking into getting a food waste station at the new transfer station. The priority is on the paint recycling program, and then they are going to investigate training for the food waste. Committee has offered to help DPW with any signs or outreach to the community on the upcoming food waste program in the coming months.

Pollinator- There's a project at Creaser Park that the town is working on. There is no update on this project at this time, but we will look into what the status is and will see if the Committee should or needs to be involved on the conservation side.

Electronics Recycling- According to DPW, there shouldn't be a charge for our town to hold an electronics recycling event. Committee is going to investigate seeing if this event can correspond with the annual shredding event happening on June 3rd.

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.

EV Chargers- The Town received the utility incentives as part of the Make Ready program; however we are still waiting to hear back on if we were awarded additional incentives under the DEEP VW EVSE program. Projects are on hold until the funding is assured to be in place.

School Building Committee- The town referendum passed, and the high school HVAC project will be moving forward.

Microgrid project- A BRIC grant application was submitted, and are currently waiting to hear back on if we have been awarded this grant, but no further updates are available on this project.

Solar Projects- Jenn will respond back to John Elsesser with the Committee's recommendations for additional solar locations in town.

Outreach and Communications- Committee is going to look at a CANVA subscription to help create monthly social media posts and outreach materials that can be shared with the community.

DPW- Going to look into an EV for the staff for daily use to reduce costs on fuel. Committee to follow up and see if this proposal was included as part of the Town budget.

New Business:

Recruiting of new members- Committee is going to look into posting blurbs about the Committee on social media in an effort to recruit new members to the Committee. There have been several individuals that had expressed interest in joining the Committee so members offered to reach out to them in the coming months.

Community Partnership Initiative- Idea of the program is to leverage community participation through community groups and interest for energy efficiency programs.

Farmer's Market 2023- We are looking in to lock dates for the fall of 2023.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jenn Reilly at 7:36 seconded by Kristine Dennis. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Dennis