

ENERGY COMMISSION

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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting , Wednesday April 27, 2016
Library , Presidents Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes

Members Present: Debra Thompson-Van, Richard Creeth, Peter Wrampe , Patrice Gillespie, Christina Lampe-Onnerud, Bruce Hampson, Glenn Hemmerle, Gil Bray

Members Absent : none

Guests : Chris Burney (Facilities Manager), Gil Hollander- candidate for WEC

1. Debra called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. The minutes of the Mar 23rd meeting were approved subject to minor changes from Peter. Moved by Peter, seconded by Christina.
3. Town Hall LED Lighting
 - a. Richard explained that Efficient lighting had walked through the entire Town Hall campus. This took 5 hours. They performed an exhaustive catalog of all lights and suggested replacements and seemed very confident that they could put together a proposal for each building which would be cash flow positive and could be financed with 0% on bill financing from EverSource.. There was further discussion regarding the \$14,500 funds and whether they would be needed.
 - b. Richard also explained that the \$202,000 in EverSource rebates relating to the school boiler renovations had been received. The First selectmen and the CFO decided that it would be appropriate to reduce the upcoming \$500,000 bonding by this amount.
 - c. There was a general discussion with Chris Burney about other potential energy saving projects and how they might be accomplished and financed, including taking advantage of State and Federal programs. Debra suggested the WEC investigate the CT Greenbank Solar program that other towns were taking advantage of for Solar installations, including ZRECs and Power

Purchase Agreements. Debra was tasked to go research these programs and their applicability to Wilton and report back at the next WEC meeting.

4. Economic Development Project update
 - a. Gil Bray reported that we are on the May 11th Wilton Economic Development Commission agenda. Gil suggested a meeting on Tue 10th May at the Library for any interested in reviewing the presentation
5. Marketing Update
 - a. Christina reported that the marketing team is working on materials for a sustainable Wilton brand. Christina will have a draft for next meeting. There was discussion of the importance of collaborating with the WEDC.
 - b. Christina has learned of a free program to provide free web site development for CT municipalities. Christina will follow up to see if Wilton can take advantage of this.
 - c. Wilton Go Green Festival is on Sunday. Christina will be MC'ing the first hour with her archipelago group. More about WGG Festival below.
6. Solarize Wilton
 - a. Debra reported on the status of the Solarize Wilton program. To date, Ross Solar Group (RSG) has 20 contracts signed for a total of 220 kW. Based on historical trends, RSG said they are confident that the target of 30 signups will occur before the May 18 deadline. RSG has established Wednesday evening office hours at the WGG office at Realty 7 for convenience of Wilton Residents.
 - b. Future events include: the WGG Festival on May 1 and a live installation Open House on May 7 at 250 Catalpa Road, Richard Creeth's house. The panels will be installed that day.
7. WGG Festival update.
 - a. Patrice explained that setup is at 10:30 a.m. for an 11 a.m. opening. Clean up is at 4:30pm
 - b. There was some discussion regarding whether Commission members should have business cards and WiltonCT emails. Debra will follow up re business cards and Richard re emails.
8. Current business
 - a. Patrice presented chart showing all CTs Smart Energy Management working groups. It is a complex chart with many organizations on it and all agreed that it was a work in progress.
9. Other business
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m, called by Debra and seconded by Peter.