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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION
Meeting , Wednesday May 25, 2016
Library , Presidents Room
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Minutes

Members Present: Debra Thompson-Van, Richard Creeth, Peter Wrampe , Patrice Gillespie, Bruce Hampson, Glenn Hemmerle, Gil Bray
Members Absent : Christina Lampe-Onnerud,
Guests : Chris Burney (Facilities Manager)

1. Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. The minutes of the April 27 meeting were approved as submitted. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Peter.
3. Debra reviewed 4 charts distributed online to the WEC members and Chris. She laid out multiple options for procuring Solar solutions for town school and municipal buildings in response to the WEC directive to evaluate CT State & Federal Solar programs. Options available:
 - a. Don't expand Wilton Solar footprint, renegotiate supplier contractor at projected usage rate (1Q2017)
 - b. Expand Solar installations in 2016 on "Solar Ready" buildings leveraging ZREC, PPA, Net Metering programs offered by CT Green Bank and Eversource
 - c. Build Optimized Solar Strategy to prepare for 2017 Solar programs
 - d. Combination of above

Debra then introduced Stephan Hartmann from Ross Solar Group and Mark Robbins, Energy Consultant.

- Stephan Hartmann went through the CT process and programs. He answered a number of questions regarding the town application and ownership of the EverSource ZREC. He offered to fill out the application forms for multiple town buildings that he had meter codes for as earlier

provided by Richard. He proposed to apply for both Small and Medium ZRECs. RSG will provide the application and system sizing work and submit a proposal. If the ZRECs are approved, RSG wants to compete for the subsequent installation work.

- Chris Burney showed Google Map images of several of the buildings and made specific requests to closely evaluate the school campus buildings. He also agreed to get the paperwork signed and work with RSG on the application completion process. Chris also updated the WEC on the Town's current agreement to purchase power from Transcanada. The agreement, which is an extension to the original program, was signed by the then CFO on behalf of the town in May of 2015, and extends the agreement until the end of 2018.
- Mark Robbins went through a more Aspirational view of Wilton as a Net Zero Solar provider. This proposal reflected participation in the Large ZREC program, whereby the application would be for Solar on all rooftops and Solar on new Car Park Rooftops. His proposal would disaggregate financing, hardware, installation and consulting into separate components for optimized negotiated pricing. He outlined a set of fee service to apply for the ZREC and design and plan for this aspirational strategy.

Peter made a motion, it was seconded by Glenn and approved by all present members and Chris Burney to proceed authorizing Stephan Hartmann to apply on Wilton's behalf for the ZRECs as outlined in his proposal. If the ZRECs are approved, RSG will provide a proposal that will be evaluated along with CT Green Bank solutions. Further the WEC agreed there was a value to having a Solar Strategy to share with the Wilton Economic Development Committee. The WEC agree to pursue funding sources (current year \$4K, Clean Energy award dollars, WGG) to pay for Strategy and Design services for creating a Zero net meter Solar Strategy.

4. Town Hall LED Lighting
 - a. Richard went through a detailed cost benefit proposal for the LED lights. The WEC members and Chris Burney unanimously proposed recommending this investment with the BOS. Alternative finance sources were discussed.
5. Due to the time constraints, no other agenda items were discussed.
6. Patrice made everyone aware of the WGG memorial day parade
7. Debra had previously sent the conclusion of the Solarize Wilton campaign and called everyone's attention to the program achievements.
8. Richard called the meeting to a close at 9:30pm.