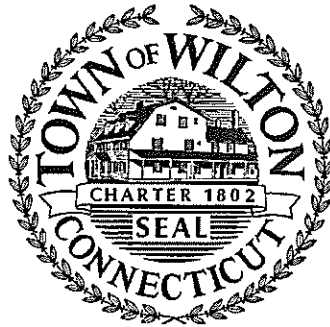


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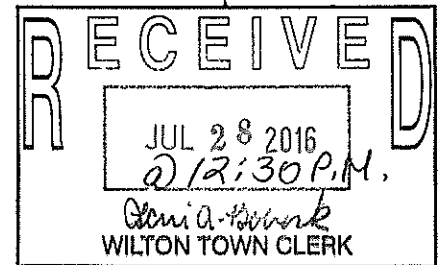
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WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION  
Meeting, Wednesday June 22nd, 2016  
Library, Presidents Room  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Minutes



Members Present: Richard Creeth, Peter Wrampe, Patrice Gillespie, Glenn Hemmerle, ,  
Christina Lampe-Onnerud

Members Absent : Debra Thompson-Van, Gil Bray Bruce Hampson

Guests : Chris Burney (Facilities Manager) Gil Hollander (prospective member)

1. Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. The **minutes** of the May 25 meeting were approved as submitted. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Peter.
3. It was agreed to scramble the agenda to deal with the **Town Hall campus relamping project** first to accommodate Chris's schedule. Chris reported that he had discussed the relamping project presented at last month's meeting with the First selectman and she was in general agreement with the concept but requested that the Police Department not be included because its future was uncertain. Chris presented a schedule which showed a net cost to the Town of \$57,881 (this is all campus buildings except the PD). Eversource provides interest free, on-bill financing over four years. This would translate into annual loan repayments for four years of \$14,472 and savings of \$9,128 in the first year. Savings would increase in subsequent years due to increases in energy costs. Thus a net outlay of approximately \$20,000 over the first four years would result in an ongoing saving to the Town of approximately \$10,000 each year after the first four and growing. After discussion it was agreed that
  - a. Chris should amend his schedule to incorporate the \$14,500 in Clean Energy grants which have already been approved for use for this project. This will shorten the payback period.
  - b. Chris should convey to the First Selectman that we ask her to reconsider the PD since the payback on that building is only 4.8 years due to its 24/7 use.

4. **Solar Opportunities.** Stephan Hartman of Ross Solar emailed an update on his ZREC applications.
  - a. *As for the ZRECs, I submitted for the Middlebrook and Miller-Driscoll School. I received the bid certification form from the Selectman's office about 40minutes before the applications were due. Fortunately, both feasible schools were submitted in time for 320kW systems (each). I bid as Debra requested (\$124.75 per REC). This number is a hail-mary pass, but if awarded, will provide Wilton with many options for solar.*
  - b. *This week, I will be submitting the small ZRECs with the bid cert provided for the various smaller facilities. It's a busy time, as the large/medium recs were due on Thursday, and the utility simultaneously released the results of the 2nd wave of small-ZREC awards. This cuts into my efficiency with regard to submitting Wilton's small RECs, but they will be completed this week.*
  - c. *Upon completion of the small ZREC applications, I will work up an estimate for a Town-wide PPA.*
5. **WEC meeting and email protocols.**
  - a. Richard outlined the rules that the WEC should follow regarding using emails and phone calls.
    - i. All WEC members should use their WiltonCT.org email addresses for all WEC Related correspondence.
    - ii. All policy and action decisions taken by the WEC must be taken at a properly posted, public WEC meeting.
    - iii. Email can be used for scheduling and logistics.
    - iv. Members may phone in to meetings and vote by phone, but at least one Commission member must attend in person so as to allow public attendance.
  - b. Discussion ensued about members challenges in checking and using WiltonCT.org emails as well as personal and or corporate emails. It was noted that copies can be sent to personal emails for convenience but the WiltonCT email must also be included. Glenn pointed out that the Town's IT support department can be most helpful in setting up a unified inbox on either PCs or MACs.
6. **Municipal Energy Efficiency Program**
  - a. Patrice reported that Eversource are hosting a meeting for a select group of Towns on Municipal Energy Efficiency Programs. Wilton has been invited to participate. Richard indicated he would not be able to attend as he will be out of the country. Patrice and Debra plan to attend. Other WEC members are welcome to attend. Patrice is seeking input in the areas of benchmarking, the Clean Energy Communities program, the energizeCT website and anything else for consideration on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Prospective member Gil Hollander volunteered to research and document the many programs and state and federal agencies that the Commission potentially interacts with. (At a prior meeting Patrice showed a slide showing the logos of 27 agencies or programs). This offer was welcomed by the Commission.

## 7. Economic Development Commission Update

- a. In Gil Bray's absence, Patrice reported on the WEDC's presentation to the Board of selectmen on Monday night about the results of the survey that was presented. Patrice and other Commission members were impressed with the work that had been done and the quality of the data presented about Wilton, its businesses, residents and its strengths and weaknesses as a Town. The presentation can be found on the Economic Development Commission's web site at <http://wiltonedc.org/WP2/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/WEDC-AnalyticStudy-Part1.pdf>
- b. Richard reminded the Commission that we are still looking for a member of the WEC to assist with the marketing subcommittee of the WEDC. Christina expressed regrets that she cannot commit to this due to other commitments. **This should be carried over to the next meeting.**

## 8. Marketing Update

- a. Christina gave a brief update of marketing discussions including branding Wilton. Clean or sustainable community seem to be the leading candidates. Christina also offered to prepare a presentation for a future WEC meeting where she will present future trends (Electric vehicles, battery technology, driverless vehicles, etc.) and the potential opportunities they might present a town such as Wilton. This offer was well received and Richard suggested that the audience might be broadened after the WEC preview to include the WEDC, the Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

9. **WGG Update** No WGG update was given.

## 10. Other business.

- a. **Web site.** Peter reiterated that although he need content for the web site and encourage WEC members to remember to send him updates, pictures and other content relating to WEC activities.

11. Richard called the meeting to a close at 8:30pm.