

**ENERGY COMMISSION**

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**WILTON ENERGY COMMISSION**  
**Meeting, Wednesday January 17, 2018**  
**Comstock**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Minutes**

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Attending WEC members: Debra Thompson-Van, Peter Wrampe, Kevin Gardiner, Patrice Gillespie, Glenn Hemmerle, Jim Jarvie, AnnaMarie Bilella,

Absent WEC members: Gil Hollander, Phil Murphy

Other Attendees: Daphne Dixon (Chair, WGG)

1. Debra Thompson Van called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Approval of minutes of December 20, 2017 regular meeting – First Peter Wrampe, Second – AnnaMarie Bilella. All in favor, with 2 abstentions.
3. Municipal Solar Update- Wilton Town Library, Miller Driscoll and Middlebrook Schools are still on track despite several days of horrible weather conditions. Wilton High School and Cider Mill contracts are still pending.
4. CT programs and budget update- Anna Marie connected with Matt Macunas and he advised that for the Green Bank the specifics around program details in 2018 are still being defined as Green Bank continue to adjust to the budget reductions imposed by the State budget, which took approx. 50% of Green Bank's funding and 30% of the Efficiency Fund's

Glenn will follow-up with Gail Lavielle about whether she or Toni Boucher attended the most recent State Budgeting meeting, and to find out if there is any chance of the Green Bank money that's been absconded in 2018, can be put back into the budget in 2019.

5. Sustainable CT program review from 1/9/18 Education.

Sustainable CT is sponsored by The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and was presented to the WESTCOG chapter on 1/9/18 at Comstock.

Sustainable CT is a grass roots initiative complementing the Energize CT Program and CT Greenbank programs. The Energy Commission 2018 priorities align well with the Actions in the Sustainable CT initiative.

Key elements of the Sustainable CT Program

- i. Thriving local economies
- ii. Well-stewarded land and natural resources
- iii. Vibrant and creative cultural ecosystems
- iv. Dynamic, Resilient Planning
- v. Clean and diverse transportation systems
- vi. Efficient physical infrastructure and operations
- vii. Strategic and inclusive public services
- viii. Healthy, efficient, and diverse housing
- ix. Inclusive and equitable community impacts

WEC and WGG together should be able to accrue the 200+ points required to receive certification through activities across the first 9 categories to achieve bronze status. Wilton could be certified Gold with 400 Points (which may also be achievable).

WEC unanimously voted to recommend to the town that Wilton should participate in Sustainable CT. The main concern discussed before voting was related to municipal employees' lack of bandwidth to execute some of the point-earning certification tasks. At the direction of the First Selectwoman, the WEC said it would be willing to take the lead on the documentation required to achieve certification.

6. WGG Update from Daphne Dixon (Chair):

- i. Zero-Waste Fair; 11:00am – 4:00pm on Sunday, March 25, 2018
  - i. Requested map of Wilton that shows energy projects throughout town
    1. Peter volunteered to be Daphne's POC
  - ii. WEC agreed to have a table at the Fair
    1. Peter will build the WEC Schedule (1 hour each)

7. WEC Member reviewed Debra's responses to the Wilton POCD Questionnaire. All WEC members approved the content and messaging with the following additions:
  - i. Peter recommended adding Solarize Wilton to our "major accomplishments" section
  - ii. AnnaMarie recommended that we add that Wilton created a Director of Facilities & Energy Management
  
8. Jim Jarvie presented ideas for improving our marketing of WEC
  - i. Presented audit of Facebook post activity dating back to 2010
    - i. Was mostly focused on WGG vs. WEC initiatives
    - ii. Stopped at end of 2010, and stayed dark until 2015
    - iii. Continue to maintain the website as a repository, but need to increase frequency of posts on WEC Facebook Page
    - iv. Create opportunities for news
      1. The EDC does a great job of this.
  - ii. WEC will further discuss content ideas to publish
  
9. Peter Wrampe made recommendation to explore moving the WEC website from the Google platform to the dynamicWordPress platform and host it at another site (e.g. GoDaddy.com). He'll report back on feasibility and costs at a future WEC meeting.
  
  
10. Public Comment- none
  
  
11. Member Comment- none
  
  
12. Adjournment at 9:40pm