



City of Middletown
CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2016

Present

Chair Jennifer Kleindienst, Councilman Gerry Daley, Councilwoman Deborah Kleckowski – by phone, Larry Chatfield, Dmitri D'Alesandro, John Hall, Jeff Pugliese, Augie DeFrance

Absent

Peter Staye, Audrey J. Scotti, Tina Gomes, Staff

Also Present

Christopher M. Holden, PE , Staff, Michael Harris – Guest, Guy Russo, Director of Water and Sewer, and Michiel Wackers, Director Planning and Zoning

1. Chair Opens Meeting

The meeting opened at 12:35 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 19, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously

3. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present for comment.

4. New Member Welcome and Introductions

The new and existing members of the task force were introduced.

5. Approval of CETF 2016 Meeting Calendar

The 2016 CETF meeting calendar was discussed. The council rules that require meetings to be held at 7:00 pm were waived. The current meeting schedule of the third Wednesday in Room 208 of City Hall was kept as the day and location of the meetings. The meetings will be held at 12:30 pm except for quarterly, they will be held at 7:00 PM. The meeting schedule was moved by Gerry Daley and Seconded by Augie DeFrance. Motion passed unanimously. See attached Schedule of Meetings.

6. Old Business

A. Home Energy Solutions Update and Letter

Jen Kleindienst mentioned that there is a riverfront festival called Feet to the Fire. The New England Conservation Services is planning on having a booth at the event and Jen suggested that she contact them to provide information from the CETF.

B. Middletown Energy Plan

Dmitri D'Alesandro to convene sub-committee to review and update the plan.

7. New Business**A. Greenskies Solar Power Purchase Agreement for Higby Water Treatment Plant**

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the PPA. Many questions were raised, including whether the Shipman and Goodman review comments were included in the PPA presented. The Task Force asked Michael Harris to complete analysis of the rate structure and the demand, the expiration of the ZRECs, and a possible meeting with Greenskies.

Guy Russo stated that the demand from the Higby Water Treatment Plant is fairly consistent and is greater than the capacity of the proposed solar photovoltaic system.

Gerry Daley moved that CETF recommends that action of the Greenskies PPA be delayed until a more thorough evaluation can be completed by Michael Harris. Motion was seconded by John Hall and passed unanimously.

Dmitri D'Alesandro suggested that the City work toward installing solar arrays on all municipal buildings.

Michiel Wackers leaves the meeting.

B. Clean Energy Communities Award and program update

The Mayor received the award.

C. Governor's Council on Climate Change

Jen Kleindienst attended the stakeholders meeting. She reported that John Humphries was willing to come and talk with the CETF. After some discussion Jen said that she would try to have him come to the April Meeting.

D. Co-sponsorship of DEEP program: CT climate change policies/plans

Jen reported that there will be a presentation by Jessie Stratton, Director of Policy, CTDEEP on March 29, 2016 at 7PM at the deKoven House. She requested that CETF be a co-sponsor of this program in name only. Gerry Daley moved that CETF be a co-sponsor of the program, seconded by Augie DeFrance, approved unanimously.

E. Connecticut Power and Energy Society

Jen Kleindienst will not be at the next meeting. Dmitri D'Alesandro will chair the February 17 meeting.

Michael Harris reported that on March 6 there will be a statewide program for CETF members.

Gerry Daley left the meeting at 1:45 pm

Jeff Pugliese left the meeting at 1:53

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016, to be held in Room 208 of the Municipal Building at 12:30 PM.

Submitted for approval by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Holden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher M. Holden, PE
Deputy Director of Public Works

