

Minutes
Chester Clean Energy Team
April 24, 2017

Members: Sandy Prisloe, Rick Holloway, Pat Woomer*, Peter Harding, Bill Bernhart, Ed Meehan, Lauren Gister (ex officio) (*= not in attendance)
Guests: Jim Schaefer (Hose Co), James Grysz...(CES), John Schroeder

(Note: # indicates an action item carried over from a previous meeting)

The E-Team meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Audience of Citizens — None

Approval of minutes. Minutes of meeting on March 13, 2017 were approved.

1. Streetlights

- a. Note received from a resident requesting a streetlight at 99 Cedar Lake Road be removed. We believe that the more directed light from the new fixtures will resolve this issue. Pat responded.
- b. Old Lyme is using SurveyMonkey to request comments on their samples (which were identified by ribbons around the poles).
- c. We need a written policy for selection of streetlights (e.g. safety)
- d. Completion requested by the end of 2017. We plan to have all other than the decorative, lights converted first.
- e. Pat agreed to be the single point of contact for Tanko.
- f. Lauren will request a 2 1/2 year maintenance contract, giving time to evaluate the cost.
- g. Chester now owns its streetlights, resulting in an immediate 25% reduction in power costs.

2. Solar installations at CES and the Firehouse

- a. The Energy Team heard presentations by Greenskies (Meaghan Occhiogrosso), and by C-TEC (Jeff Pipeling and Josh Cayley). Both companies answered the additional 5 questions which had been emailed to them earlier.
- b. Both believe that monitoring and reporting can be handled successfully, and that the installation at CES can be completed before school resumes in September.
- c. Both incorporated tree trimming into their PPA proposals.
- d. It was uncertain if the Greenskies proposal was based on the correct rate 40 for CES.
- e. Incorporation of the existing system was discussed. (Changing orientation, ownership, maintenance, warranties, monitoring, etc)
- f. A major consideration for selection is that Greenskies finances in-house, whereas C-TEC goes through the CT Green Bank.
- g. Lauren will have the Greenskies contract reviewed by town counsel.

3. Open Action items and MAP

The Municipal Action Plan (MAP) will be addressed once the push for Solarize Chester/Deep River has been completed. Bill B offered to help sort out the activity sheets.

Peter (?) will examine why the ductless mini-split condenser is located inside the Firehouse.

Jim S will obtain specific quotes for replacement of the Firehouse boilers.

Sandy EnergizeCT reports a need for update of login info and missing data.

Pat will inquire what Region 4 is doing to follow electrical costs.

Rick will request that Sharon Echtman add columns for the supplier, the rate, and the expiration date to the spreadsheet showing monthly electrical usages and costs .

Pat is completing the Action Plan for the Municipal Technical Assistance program..

Ed will draft a letter for **Lauren** to send to CT Water Co to see if they have any interest in partnering for a PV installation on their property near High Meadow Road.

6. New Business:

Energy Star Certification: will be addressed at a future meeting.

Energy Fair for public education: will be addressed at a future meeting.

Adjournment 10:56 am.

Next meeting 9:00 AM Monday, **May 8**, 2017

R.P. Holloway