

## **Minutes**

### **Chester Clean Energy Team**

September 10, 2018

**Members:** Pat Woomer, Sandy Prisloe, Peter Harding, Ed Meehan

**Guests:** James Grzybowski (CES Facilities Manager)

E-Team Meeting called to order at 9:15AM.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the August 13 were approved.

**CES Solar installation and removal:** James reported that 90% of the new array has been installed. After finishing the balance of the panels, they will be installing the inverter and setting up the WIFI connection. Still no date for the system to be operational.

Nothing has been done on the trees. There has been numerous attempts to get quote and start time from Burns Tree Service, but no clear information. There is an additional need for Green Skies to do a new computer survey and mark the trees that are to be cut to maximize the system output. The fate of the CES Challenge Course tree that is scheduled to be removed and replaced with a free standing pole is still not clarified. James estimates that a replacement could cost up to \$8000, and there will not be enough left over from the Green Skies allocation to cover this replacement.

The removal of the old system and storage at the Town Garage went without any issues. The E-Team will inspect the storage set up at the garage to make sure that it is available for viewing by any prospective bidders on the RFQ that has been sent out to 6 bidders. We hope to have some replies to review at our next meeting in October.

Peter Harding has worked up a financial analysis for the removal of the old CES system, which the Town owns. The summary indicates that the decision to remove the older 42 panels and replace with 55 new panels will increase annual production by 79% with additional savings to the Town of 28%. Full presentation of these financials will be presented to both BOS and BOF when the reinstall costs are available.

**Firehouse Reinstall:** As indicated, we are expecting to have costs of reinstalling the former CES system on the Firehouse by our next meeting. The E-Team needs to present the full details of this reinstall to the Fire Department Board. There was discussion regarding possible Net Metering becoming available and the need to review the possibility of utilizing the full available roof with a PPA like the one currently being installed on the CES.

#### **Other business:**

Energy Team will participate in a Sustainability/Conservation/Energy Fair at the Meeting House on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Energy Team will support the HES program , the LED bulb swap and provide energy information for residences.

Energy Team will also develop a Town wide reporting system on energy (electricity, oil and water) usage based on the EPA Portfolio Manager system that is being used throughout the State.

Phase 2 Decorative Streetlight project is almost 50% complete and with Rick Holloway's continued diligence, it should be done before the snow flies.

Streetlight complaint procedure and control was discussed. This will be further presented to the First Selectwoman Office for determination and formalizing.

Adjournment at 10:35AM.

Next Meeting is October 15.