

**Minutes
Chester Clean Energy Team
August 12, 2019**

Members: Pat Woomer, Sandy Prisloe, Rick Holloway, Peter Harding, Ed Meehan*, Lauren Gister (ex officio)* (*= not in attendance)

The E-Team meeting was called to order at 9.05 AM

Audience of Citizens — None

Approval of minutes. The minutes of the July 8, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

E TEAM transition.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Rick Holloway as the Chairman of the Chester Energy Team. Effective immediately. Pat Woomer will act as Vice Chairman and Scribe. Pat will provide needed energy liason to the new Sustainability group.

CES Solar System.

We are still waiting for Sabins report. **Ed** will follow up with Sabins and determine if James has supplied necessary info. As an alternative, Rick will check with Star Solar to see if they may be interested.

Town Garage Solar install.

Zelek Electric has clearly indicated that the current Inverter will not work. After some discussion regarding finding a used Inverter. It was determined that Zelek will be asked to find a new unit in the under \$2000 range. **Rick** will ask Zelek to give us a proposal to include: Inverter, placement and connection of the panels on pre-positioned racks, all wiring and installation of inverter, etc. in trench provided. Zelek would handle all Eversource requirements.

Lauren will get Town Crew to get cost estimates on fencing , ground prep and trenching. The crew will be asked to assemble the racking for panel install.

Discussion regarding PACE participation.

Due to short deadline for participation and our desire to explore doing this with other towns (Deep River / Essex), it was decided that **Pat** would draft a letter for Lauren indicating our interest and prior successes in order to request additional time to put together the necessary information. **Peter** will try to get some insight from his contact to help with the letter draft.

EV Charger Install.

There continues to be strong interest in locating a charger in Chester. The major obstacles appear to money and location. Chester was denied the opportunity for an early State grant since a unit was placed in Deep River. This geographical limitation continues to exist with any State money. The VW money initially was for electric vehicles, but there was discussion of expanding to EV Chargers. **Sandy** will update all opportunities, including a commercial concept from Charge Point.

E-Team accomplishment list.

Rick and **Lauren** will work on putting together a completed list for publication in our Annual Report. **Pat** will begin working on Sustainability Certification submissions.

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Old Business.

Rick will investigate if the BIG Grant money can be used for new walkway lighting for Maple Street parking pathways. Can funds be used for EV Charger? Should the Town purchase more LED Bulbs for residents?

The EPA numbers will not include a Street light category since it is basically a fixed charge that can be easily monitored. The WPCA Pump numbers still are not appearing on the EPA listing. **Rick** will pursue this with Eversource Rep.

Street light complaints and issues will continue to be handled by the First Selectwoman's office.

Adjournment. 10:35 AM

Next Meeting.

September 9, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Woomer