

**Minutes  
Chester Clean Energy Team  
September 9, 2019**

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

The E-Team meeting was called to order at 9.10 AM

**Audience of Citizens** — James Grzybowski

**Approval of minutes.** The minutes of the August 12, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

**Firehouse Solar System.**

**James** indicated that he has sent Sabins all the necessary information. **Ed** will follow up with James and Sabins and determine if the necessary info. has arrived. Then, we will see if there continues to be interest in the project.

James was asked what would be the proper way to approach the Hose Company organization on acceptance of the project. He recommended that a presentation be made at the general meeting on November 6 and the Commissioners Meeting on November 11.

**Rick** did check with Star Solar to see if they may be interested. They indicated that they could not take on the project at this time.

**Town Garage Solar install.**

**Rick** will follow up with Zelek Electric on obtaining a quote on purchasing a new inverter, and determining what additional work they will handle for the installation- including actual placement, connection and testing of the panels.

**Lauren** will continue to push for the 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.**

**Peter** discussed the short deadline for participation and our desire to explore doing this with other neighboring towns with the PACE organizers and was encouraged that there would be further opportunities for participation. The first round will probably involve just a couple of towns, with additional participation after this trial. The Mass program has been operating for a number of years and has been successful.

**Lauren** will discuss a joint effort with both Essex and Deep River officials.

**EV Charger Install.**

**Sandy** determined that there were no funds for chargers in the CT State VW money. He will pursue options from Charge Point for an install. There could be some grant money to offset any cost to the Town or a possibility of installing a "pay for use" unit.

**E-Team accomplishment list.**

**Rick** will work on putting together a completed list for publication in our Annual Report. **Pat** will begin working on Sustainability Certification submissions that need to be submitted for consideration in May of next year.

**Old Business.**

**Phase Two LED install** will interface with the Main Street project and the upgrade of the Maple Street parking lot.

**Rick** will offer HES subsidies with BIG Grant money for all residents that are interest This will be published in the weekly Town Email. Residents will be required to contract for the service and get partial reimbursement after completion.

**Sandy and Peter** will explore a way to present the EPA numbers in graphic form to Town officials , with historical data included. Budget objectives then can be established to monitor reductions.

**Adjournment. 10:35 AM**

**Next Meeting.**

October 21, ,2019

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Woomer