

**Minutes**  
**Chester Clean Energy Team**  
**October 21, 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 9.04 AM

**Audience of Citizens** — None

**Approval of minutes.** The minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

**Firehouse Solar System.**

Sabins (of Commercial Solar Works) wrote that they had not received a copy of the latest electric bill. **Lauren** will send it.

**Town Garage Solar install.**

Peter spoke with Chris Lenda of Aegis. Aegis may have some used racking which would suit an installation at the Town Hall. With the cost of a new Inverter (~\$2000), this seems to be a cost-effective solution. Since the 30% tax credit drops to 26% at the end of this year, Aegis would consider this once the 2019 rush is over. It would make most sense to schedule this when the roof is replaced. **Lauren** will look into timing for that. The E-Team will reconsider this in the Spring.

**Lauren** will see that the panels at the Town Garage are covered with a tarp.

**Lighting Issues**

Discussion of lighting plans for Main Street. Scofield lighting fixtures will be stored for future use, including lighting around the Water Street lot. Rick is awaiting quotes for lighting the Maple Street parking lot.

The light on Waterhouse Lane has been repaired; repair of the one on Hickory Hill is expected by the end of October.

Lauren is arranging a service agreement with Red Thread. It will be service as needed (no monthly fee). **Lauren** will find out where the spare cobra head lights are being stored and will arrange to have them transferred to the Chester Town Garage.

The loan for conversion to LED streetlights will be paid off in two more years. At that time, since the technology will have progressed, we will look into the possibility of more extensive controls for the lights and the possibility of internet access throughout the downtown area.

**Rick** will investigate the cost of a Level 2 (the more detailed kind) electrical audit of the Town Hall.

**Old Business.**

**Water use issues.** A pressure reducing valve was installed at the war memorial because high pressure (120 psig) was apparently the cause of leaks and excessive water use.

**Sustainability Workshop** at RiverCOG presentation by Eversource. **Rick** will forward the Power Point program. Many attendees from Chester. An excellent presentation of how the Montville schools have achieved enormous reductions in electricity use. The E-Team discussed the extensive proposed upgrades at the Cherry Hill low income housing site.

**Adjournment. 10:30 AM**

**Next Meeting.**

November 18, 2019

### **CARRYOVERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

# **Sandy** will pursue options from Charge Point for installation of an EV charging station. There could be some grant money to offset any cost to the Town or a possibility of installing a “pay for use” unit.

# **Data Collection and Use** : **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.

# **Energy saving opportunities** at Chester Elementary School and Region 4 schools. E-Team to follow progress on this.

Respectfully submitted:  
Rick Holloway