Minutes
Chester Clean Energy Team
November 18, 2019

Members: Pat Woomer, Sandy Prislo, 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 — Tina Gold and Joe Mingolello appearing for the Falcon Crest proposal.

Approval of minutes. The minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

Falcon Crest Development proposal discussion with the two Audience of Citizens was moved up on the agenda. A proposed development package was distributed with Ms Gold explaining that this was a “socializing” gathering to start the conversation with additional Chester committees. They had met informally with the Zoning Group.

The Energy Team clarified that it is not a regulatory committee and that it will discuss the proposal afterward and pass on any comments.

The team suggested that a memo be written thanking them for the visit and adding these comments:

- Resolution of the status of abandoned Cross Road adjacent to the property.
- Issue with safety with parking below occupied space.
- Pursuit of modification of roof design and orientation for solar.
- Inclusion of electric vehicle charging stations.

2020 Energy Team Schedule.

It was agreed to continue the current meeting schedule for 2020- second Monday of the month at 9AM at Town Hall, with no exceptions next year.

As a separate issue, it was agreed to cancel the meeting on December 9th because of holiday scheduling. Next regular meeting will be January 13, 2020.

Red Thread Maintenance Proposal:

Ed indicated that the received Red Thread Maintenance proposal was significantly inadequate and appeared to more a “boiler plate” copy from another proposal. It was decided to have Lauren contact River COG and CCM to determine if there are other contractors to pursue. Pat will get the name and info on the Torrington contractor that was discussed earlier. Rick should discuss possible use of Zelek when he talks to them about the Town Garage solar project.

Firehouse Solar System.

There continues to be confusion as what documents are still required by Sabins and his group. Ed will follow up to try to break this open for resolution. Rick’s inquiry with Star Solar showed no interest at this time.

The Team still believes that this proposal should be pursued and a meeting with the Fire Commission should be scheduled if there is evidence of this happening.

Town Garage Solar install.

Again, the Team believes that the best use of the former CES Solar Array would be as a ground mount at the garage if the economics (less than 10 years payback-under $10,000) can
be achieved. **Lauren** will get costs of fencing, ground prep, trenching and rack assembly from the Town Crew. The E Team will provide orientation and assembly information to the crew. **Rick** will obtain costs of purchasing the new inverter, electrical installation and placement of the panels, including testing and certification with Eversource.

**Pace Participation.** The consensus continues to believe that this program will benefit Chester residents. **Peter** will stay in communication with the group and all will pursue finding an individual or group to start the preparation of the required documents. This could possibly be a use of the remaining BIG funds.

**Old Business.**
Discussion on E Team accomplishments, Phase Two Led install, EPA number presentation and BIG grant expenditures were put off until the next meeting in January.

**Adjournment.** 10:30AM.


Respectfully submitted
Pat Woomer