

**Minutes  
Chester Clean Energy Team  
November 18, 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 9.10 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.
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**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Next Meeting January 13,2020.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat Woomer