

**Minutes
Chester Clean Energy Team
January 13, 2020**

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

Approval of minutes of November 18, 2019. Unanimous.

Old Business

Firehouse Solar System.

Decided to delay any work on this system until Virtual Net Metering program is expanded. Ed will write Norm Needleman to expedite legislation on this.

Town Garage solar installation

The system could potentially generate around \$4500/year. **Lauren** is to provide information on the cost of preparing the site (gravel, fencing, etc). If total cost can be kept below \$10k, this would still be worth pursuing. No alternatives discussed.

Maintenance Agreement for LED Streetlights

Rick met with Connected Systems of Old Lyme. Their verbal proposal is attractive. We await a written proposal. The town may create agreements with Red Thread and Connected Systems. **Lauren** to determine what other small towns are doing.

Ed picked up the spare parts from Red Thread for storage at the town garage.

A "sinking fund" ("Energy Saving Projects") has been established in the town's capital plan to provide for replacement as LED lights reach end of life. \$7500/year.

Phase II LED lighting

Use of "shoe box" lights similar to those at Laurel Hill Cemetery parking lot was discussed. Rick is awaiting a quote from Connected Systems for installation. **Peter** will suggest possible other installers.

BIG Grant expenditures Some of this fund may be used for possible Earth Day expenses.

Water use at the War Memorial

Installation of a pressure reducing valve has greatly reduced water consumption there.

New Business

Data Collection and Use

The E-Team chairman will review uses quarterly; the entire E-Team will evaluate annually in January.

Possible future projects

- a) Investigate electric buses to end school bus idling.
- b) Participate in the CTEnergy Heat Smart Project.

Audience of Citizens. None present.

Adjournment: 10:40

Next Meeting April 13 unless there is reason to hold one earlier.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard Holloway

