

ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut 06801
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Thursday, November 3, 2016

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Chairman, Bill Cratty, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Chair Cratty, B. Hillman, H. Karl and M. Anderson

Absent: R. Oisher

Also Present: James Daylor, Ameresco

Public Input: None

Approval of Minutes:

The Commission reviewed the minutes and amended Members present to include H. Karl as present instead of absent.

B. Hillman made a motion, which was seconded by M. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 6, 2016, as amended. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Approval of Invoices: None

Ameresco Project Status: Chair Cratty attended the Ameresco project meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. There is a punch list of items to finish out before beginning the commissioning piece of the project. B. Hillman expressed concern at having an accurate energy savings baseline with Ameresco. H. Karl would like an annual report from Ameresco on energy Savings. J. Daylor reviewed Ameresco reporting obligations with the Commission. B. Hillman would like for the Bethel Schools to be involved for hands on understanding of energy conservation. He will address this with the Board of Education.

Solar Project Status: J. Daylor, Ameresco, reported legislature took action and unlocked the extra capacity for the virtual net metering program allowing the Solar Project to move forward. Ameresco funded the interconnect study with Eversource, who came back with a doubled budget for the interconnection. The project can still fund the extra cost but with an impact on savings. Original contact 11.9 cents, which would generate approximately \$420,000 in savings, with the increased cost for the interconnection, the price is now 12.7 cents, which would generate approximately \$200,000 in savings from Solar Farm. Discussion ensued. Chair Cratty distributed two handouts on the Bethel Solar Project and gave an overview on each.

B. Hillman made a motion, which was seconded by H. Karl, to move forward with the Solar Project, as proposed with latest updates. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carried.

B. Hillman thanked the local State Legislatures whose efforts were critical to the legislation for letting this project move forward.

New Business: None

Other: None

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Committee, B. Hillman made a motion, seconded by M. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary

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