

Sharon Energy and Environment Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 15, 2020 on Zoom 8:30AM

Present on the call: Lyn Mattoon, Jan Dudek, Doug Rick, Oscar Martinez, Katy Kinsolving with Brent Colley joining at the end. Absent: Roger Liddell, Sarah Coons.

Lyn Mattoon brought the meeting to order. The approval of the minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting was tabled until the June 2020 meeting as the minutes had not been distributed to all members.

1. There was a discussion of the roadside clean-up, which took place April 18, 2020. There was quite a bit of trash and not too much participation – mostly just members of this Commission. Problems include a people concerned about picking up trash during COVID. Schools do their own event, so not possible to include them.

Suggestions for future such events:

- Meet at Hotchkiss Library and ask Library to promote event on its digital media. Promote with flyers. Ask Gretchen at Library if registration is possible using library system.
- Do one a month
- Work with Conservation Commission and TRAC and other town committees to sponsor and get the word out.
- Next steps: Lyn to contact Conservation Commission about combining efforts. Katy to contact Library.

2. Discussed the possibility of accessing Green Bank Solar MAP (Municipal Assistance Program) funds for solar on garage roof. Lyn asked Doug if each installation has to be a minimum of 50KW per year. This would require a big roof-- over 160 panels 39 x65 inches high in dimension. Would maintenance garage roof work? Ground mounts allowed by MAP program. MAP would also pick up tab for car port outside but that would be an expensive structure to build.

Next steps: Apply for next round of funding. Develop a comprehensive list of all municipal properties. In the fall aerial view of municipal properties. SEEC members to attend a finance and selectmen committee meeting in September to voice support for this project. Need date for this meeting.

3. Lyn recommended CT League of Conservation Voters website which disseminates information on state-related environmental and energy issues.
4. New Business. Sarah Coon can no longer participate. Roger is also taking a break. We are seeking new members for SEEC.
5. The meeting was adjourned
6. Next meeting June 19, at 9 am 2020. A Zoom invitation will be sent out.

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