



Willington Sustainable Energy Committee

SPECIAL Meeting Minutes

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Monday, February 12, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. (A virtual meeting, via Zoom)

The link: <https://willingtonct.zoom.us/j/7693841043?pwd=L25Xa2VHOW5WUFJpZmc1N1owQVBxZz09&omn=81178438623>

PRESENT: Chairman John Tehan, Commissioner William Bunnell; Secretary Donald Berg, Guest speakers Phil Thompson and James Patenaude

- 1. Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. It was recorded on Zoom. Due to a mid-meeting computer “crash” (on J. Tehan’s computer) around 8:15 pm, there are two recordings
- 2. Present to speak** – Phil Thompson and James Patenaude of DownEast Renewable Energy, LLC provided a presentation primarily about solar photovoltaics (PV) possibilities for the Town. They explained the Eversource’s “Buy-all” and “Netting” programs and how they can assist the Town with obtaining revenue from those PV programs. They also offered that they can provide consulting services for sustainability and energy and discussed recycling compostable. They offered information about their own project on Ruby Road that is planned to include several Tesla charging stations, a restaurant and PV array. J. Tehan asked for a monetary analysis if the solar system was purchased by the town versus DownEast Renewable Energy’s proposal that was based on them leasing the land or roofs.
- 3. Community compost discussion** - D. Berg offered information on how Mansfield CT does their limited composting including how their schools compost is recycled.
- 4. Discuss meeting dates for this year, 2024-** D. Berg presented proposed meeting dates for this year. It was decided that the meeting in January would be the “annual” meeting for the election of officers. A motion was made by D. Berg to accept the proposed regular and annual meeting dates for the 2024. J. Tehan seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Below are the meeting dates for 2024:

2024 WiSE Committee Annual & Regular Meetings			
As approved 2/12/2024			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
Monday, January 8, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Annual
Monday, February 5, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, March 4, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, April 8, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, May 6, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, June 3, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, July 1, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, August 5, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, September 2, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, October 7, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, November 4, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular
Monday, December 2, 2024	7:00 PM	via Zoom (online only)	Regular

5. Correspondence – none
6. Approval of minutes from prior meeting (January 8, 2024)-J. Tehan made a motion to approve the minutes as written, B. Bunnell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Motion to Adjourn – D. Berg made the motion to adjourn the meeting. B. Bunnell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Submitted by Secretary, Don Berg

Don Berg

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