

WINDHAM ENERGY COMMISSION

MINUTES Monday June 8, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM. Commission members in attendance were: Jean de Smet- Chair, Liz Ostwald, Grace Adams, and Corey Krohn. Also present: Alex Fox of C-TEC Solar, Pat Bresnahan, and James Finger –staff

TOPICS

- *C-TEC Solar -Virtual Net Metering Program*
- *Website with Pat Bresnahan*
- *Update on LED conversion of street lights; discussion and possible action on recommendations of Energy Commission re: streetlight conversion to led*
- *Update on Benchmarking, Vehicle mileage outreach efforts*

Citizens and Delegations: no one spoke

Minutes - The Commission discussed the minutes of the April 13 and May 11, 2015 meetings. Corey Krohn made a motion to approve the April 13th minutes, and Liz Ostwald seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Next Liz Ostwald made a motion to approve the May 11th minutes, and Corey Krohn seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

C-TEC Solar -Virtual Net Metering Program Alex Fox of C-TEC Solar made a presentation on this topic, and provided a handout. He explained that there are three types that have been authorized by the Legislature. These include Municipal facilities, which can be owned, or leased through a PPA (Power Purchase Agreement). He added that the municipal allocation is nearly completely full, so the only thing left is for agricultural or State facilities. He said that there are currently three agricultural facilities in this area; one is in Rocky Hill, one in Stafford, and another one is being built in Lebanon. He explained that C-TEC Solar has a 3.12 megawatt facility in Thompson, and they are presently working on a putting together a 2.4 megawatt solar farm proposal- using an L-REC (low-renewable energy credit). He asked if the Town of Windham would be interested in signing onto this Agricultural facility. The Commission discussed the proposal at length, but took no action.

Update on street lights - The Chair said she had discussed this idea with Joe Gardner, and he agreed to put out an RFP for purchasing the street lights, as Putnam has done one. Someone asked about using solar powered street lights, but Alex Fox said it would be impractical as you would need a very large battery backup to store the power to use them at night.

Web Design with Pat Bresnahan - Pat reviewed the web site layout, and discussed the finer points of what and where to post material on the web site: <http://windhamenergycommission.org/>

Micro-grid report - Corey Krohn said that they haven't had a meeting - so nothing to report.

Proposal to improved mileage for town vehicles from Tom Markland - Mr. Markland was not present- so this item was postponed.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM

Respectfully submitted, James Finger