

**Bolton Energy Committee  
Special Meeting  
Tuesday August 2, 2016**

The Bolton Energy Committee held a special meeting on August 2, 2016 at the Notch Road Municipal Building. Members in attendance were Chairman John Muro, Vice Chair William Hebert, Jay Stewart, Rodney Fournier, Doug Fisher and Jim Adams. Also in attendance were Nicole Wierzbicki and Steve Wierzbicki from Nutmeg Mechanical Services, Chamae Mejias from Solarize CT and Bolton resident Richard Dziadul.

**1. Call to Order**

John Muro called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**2. Approval/Modification of Minutes for June 7, 2016 Meeting**

Rodney Fournier made a motion to approve the June 7, 2016 minutes, seconded by Doug Fisher. With the following corrections Item 7 should read –Deliver natural gas from out of state. The motion passed.

**3. Introduction of New Committee Member, Jim Adams**

John Muro stated he received a letter from the Town of Bolton notifying the Committee that Jim Adams was now on the Bolton Energy Committee.

**4. Election of Officers**

John Muro stated he received a letter from Elizabeth Waters that states pursuant to the town charter the Committee must elect a Chairman and Vice Chair.

Rodney Fournier made a motion to elect John Muro as the Chairman for the Bolton Energy Committee; the motion was seconded by Jay Stewart. Jay Stewart made a motion to elect William Hebert as Vice Chair for the Bolton Energy Committee the motion was seconded by Rodney Fournier. The motions passed.

**5. Natural Gas Update, Including Update on 7/21 Meeting**

John Muro stated the Committee put together a letter with comments concerning the proposal to extend natural gas into the community to the Board of Selectmen. He stated he received no feedback but did hear from Gwen Marrion and she appreciated the feedback the Committee had sent.

John Muro stated the Board of Selectmen voted to go forward with the extension but the town will seek to fully maximize the term for the contribution portion of the extension recognizing the need to establish “mutually agreeable terms” with the utility.

Jay Stewart shared with the Commission that once residents do hook up to natural gas they must buy gas from that distribution supplier.

**6. HES Update**

John Muro presented a spread sheet of HES providers from Eversource that the Committee had reviewed and picked 4 companies that meet their criteria and was close in location. One of those companies was Nutmeg Mechanical Services which Nicole Wierzbicki and Steve Wierzbicki were kind enough to come and present information about what their company provides. Nicole stated Nutmeg has been doing HES for two years and doing home performance for five years. Nicole stated the fee for a full assessment was \$99 until September then it will go back up to \$124. This assessment included many things including Diagnosis testing to see how leaky a house is, test the duct work. They also perform water measures and safety checks of the heating and cooling systems.

John Muro asked Nicole and Steve about residential upgrades and if there were rebates offered. John also asked if Nutmeg handled the rebate paperwork for the resident. Nicole stated Nutmeg does handle the

rebate and incentives paperwork because she is very familiar with the process. William Hebert asked Nicole if infrared was also included in the assessment, Nicole stated it was also included. Chamae Mejias asked what their last 5 inspection scores were. Nicole stated they range from 5 to – 7. Jay Stewart asked if Nutmeg was IE (income eligible) and Nicole stated they were not. Jay Stewart stated he would like another company to come and present to the Committee that is IE. John Muro looked at the spreadsheet of companies and A+ Installation does HES and is also IE. John Muro stated he will contact A+ Installation to come to the next meeting.

#### **7. Solarize CT MOU/Campaign, Including 8/1 Meeting Update**

John Muro stated the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) was voted on at last meeting, the Board of Selectmen also spoke about the MOU at their last meeting. John stated he has not heard any feedback from the Selectmen.

John stated that Smart Power is requesting proposals from CT municipalities wishing to participate in the next round of the solarize CT program. He stated there are incentives for the town to participate and the town contributions to the clean energy program.

John asked the Committee to invest some time to research the Solarize CT incentive.

Jay Stewart and William Herbert will invest some time and attend the solar installer review on August 8<sup>th</sup>. John stated that Green Bank and Solarize CT already held a solar installer review session that he already attended with Jay.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Rodney Fournier made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jay Stewart seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien  
Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.