



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## MINUTES

### ***ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD***

14 Park Place Third Floor, Vernon, Connecticut

Monday October 20, 2014

6:30 PM

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Members Present:** Jeffrey Boulrice, Chairman, and Tom Aitkin

**Members Absent:** Dr. Russell Kunz, Elmar Alikanhov and Mark St. Germaine

**Staff Liaison:** John D. Ward, Town Administrator

**Recording Secretary:** Leslie S. Campolongo

There was no quorum present, and therefore, no votes were taken.

- a. October 2, 2014 Minutes – tabled
- b. August 18, 2014 Minutes - tabled
- c. July 27, 2014 Minutes – tabled

Mr. Ward noted that he had received an email from EIDB member Mark St. Germaine announcing his resignation from the Board. Mr. Ward will advise the Mayor of the need for a replacement and seek to have this name ready for vote at the November 18, 2014 Town Council meeting.

#### **2. PENDING BUSINESS**

##### **a. Clean Energy Engineering Center (C2E2) Tour at UCONN (10/2/14)**

Discussion took place regarding the tour and the potential outcomes of a continued relationship with the C2E2.

##### **b. Clean Energy Community Pledge – Mr. Ward thanked Mr. Boulrice for his attendance at the September Town Council meeting where the Clean Energy Pledge was voted in unanimously, and for his research and promotion of the Clean Energy Communities program.**

###### **i. Documents**

Discussion took place regarding the *Municipal Benchmarking – Technical Assistance Initiative (TAI)*, the *Agreement between the town of Vernon and CLP*, their potential outcomes and the next steps. Mr. Boulrice mentioned that the TAI program offers free consulting and an intern who provides data entry for the town's portfolio. Mr. Ward

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mentioned that current billing may be done by department or by building and that cross-referencing may not be easy.

Discussion took place regarding the assembling of a **Green Team** who will work as a clean energy task force. Mr. Boulrice and Mr. Aitkin offered to serve as members of the Green Team.

Mr. Ward will review the requirements of the ***Municipal Benchmarking – Technical Assistance initiative***, the ***Agreement between the town of Vernon and CLP***, and provide executed copies to *CT Clean Energy*.

- ii. Planning Session with CLP – Mr. Boulrice offered to make contact with Natalia Sudyka, Toni Berlandy or Shaun Johnson at CLP to set a meeting.
- iii. Use of grant funding – Discussion took place regarding what projects could be used for the ***Bright Idea's Grant*** through Energize CT. Suggestions were: Generators or solar, software for compiling energy usage, computerized HVAC controls and lighting High School parking lots.

Mr. Ward left the meeting at 7:20 pm.

It was agreed that the planning session with CLP might provide the best direction for the EIDB to pursue once it is completed.

- c. **CCM Street Lighting** – Discussion took place regarding a CCM webinar on the ability for municipalities to purchase or lease streetlights from utilities and the costs savings associated with retro-fitting with LED lights. Mr. Aitkin discussed that the town should investigate whether other towns have participated and what their experience has been. Other questions were raised regarding maintenance, whether a specific certification would be required of workers and whether special equipment would be needed or could be shared between towns.
- d. **Discussion of solar locations** – not discussed

Mr. Ward returned to the meeting at 8: 05 pm.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Hydro potential for Vernon

- i. ***CT Water diversion*** – discussion took place regarding CT Waters plans to divert water from the Schnepsit Lake Reservoir for use at UCONN.

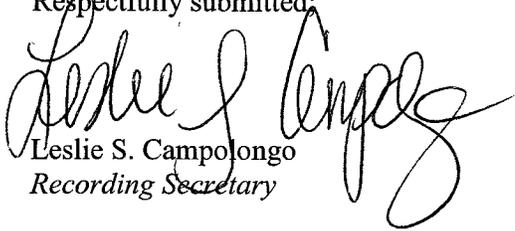
The following items were presented the next meeting:

- Execute Clean Energy Agreement Documents – Mr. Ward
- Assemble Green Team – Mr. Ward
- Follow- up with CL & P to begin energy consumption study – Mr. Boulrice
- Follow-up with Dr. Singh (C2E2) Mr. Ward

Meeting closed at 8:32 pm

**Next meeting: January 26, 2015**

Respectfully submitted:



Leslie S. Campolongo  
*Recording Secretary*