Joint Committee of the CT Energy Efficiency Board and the Connecticut Green Bank Board of Directors

EnergizeCT Center
122 Universal Drive N. North Haven, CT

Wednesday, July 20, 2016
1:30-3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

In Attendance

Voting Members: John Harrity, Eric Brown, Amanda Fargo-Johnson (by phone) & Diane Duva.

Non-Voting Members: Ron Araujo, Pat McDonnell, Bryan Garcia, and Bert Hunter

Others: Kerry O'Neill, Chris Kramer (by phone), Anthony Clark, Paul Horowitz, Donna Wells, Bill Carter? Ryan? Andy Brydges, Steve Bruno (by phone), Brian Farnen (by phone), Jeff Schlegel (by phone), Neil Hutton? Gentiana Darragiati, Mackey Dykes, Les Tumidaj (by phone) and Cheryl Samuels.

1. Call to Order

Eric Brown called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Review and approval of Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2016 and April 20, 2016 Meeting

Eric Brown, requested a motion for approval of April 20, 2016 meeting minutes, Diane made the motion, John seconded the motion, the meeting minutes were approved. Eric Brown abstained since he was not present.

Eric Brown requested a motion for approval of January 20, 2016 meeting minutes, John made the motion, Diane seconded the motion, the meeting minutes were approved

Resolution #1

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 20, 2016 and April 20, 2016

1 Materials for this meeting can be accessed at Box.net.
4. Brief Report-Outs from Sector Working Groups

a. Residential – Single Family

The residential sector team, led by Ron Araujo, provided a report-out on the progress being made in the single-family sector. John Harrity requested that the residential team report out on quarterly progress to targets – especially with respect to the Smart-E Loan for CHIF. Next time the sector team will use the dashboard report to update the Joint Committee.

b. Residential – Multifamily

The residential sector team, led by Ron Araujo, continued their report out on the progress being made with a focus on multifamily

c. C&I-Small Business

The C&I sector team, led by Donna Wells, provided a report-out on the progress being made in the small business area.

d. C&I-Med/Large Business

The C&I sector team, led by Donna Wells, continued their report out with a focus on the medium to large business area.

5. In-Depth Report Out on C&I- Government Sub-Sector

Diane Duva led the discussion on the government sector team. She presented an update of the data on energy consumption for state and municipal buildings. Mackey Dykes and Bert Hunter of the Green Bank then discussed working with the utilities to lower the cost of capital for the Small Business Express Program using private capital versus utility capital. Mr. Hunter explained that in keeping with the joint goal to develop lower cost, alternative sources of capital, the Green Bank prepared a concept structure for review by Avangrid and Eversource that focuses on keeping the “customer facing” portion of the program intact while introducing on the “back end” a private capital mechanism to fund the SBEA program. He explained that discussions are ongoing to shape the program particulars. Mackey Dykes noted that this cooperation amongst the Green Bank, Avangrid and Eversource could also lead to additional products, such as loans larger than or for repayment periods longer than current SBEA program limits. Mr. Hunter made clear that and variations on products beyond the existing SBEA product would require additional discussion amongst the parties. In response to a question about cost of capital, Mr. Hunter expressed the view that for the 4-year loans a cost in the 2-3% range should be possible, plus coverage of administration costs. In response to a question concerning when the new capital might be available, Mr. Hunter noted that while the parties are in the process of mapping processes and tasks, an effective date of January 1, 2017 should be possible.
6. Issues to Address and Resolve

The issue of energy efficiency and solar PV integration was discussed as an issue. The teams are making steady progress in this area.

7. Other Business

a. C&LM Plan Update Process

Jeff Schlegel provided an update of the C&LM plan process.

b. Draft Comprehensive Plan – CT Green Bank

Bryan Garcia provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan. He requested final comments from the Joint Committee and expressed a willingness to ask the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank to provide a few more weeks of time for final comments.

c. Draft Evaluation Framework – CT Green Bank

Bryan Garcia provided a follow-up review of the Evaluation Framework. He requested final comments from the Joint Committee and expressed a willingness to ask the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank to provide a few more weeks of time for final comments.

d. EEB Rules and Roadmap Update

There was a discussion on some recent changes to the EEB Rule and Roadmap update. Brian Farnen expressed his understanding with the rationale behind a recently adopted revision prohibiting Joint Committee EEB members to speak on behalf of the EEB but expressed concern because he did not understand why it was broken out from the larger conversation on roles and responsibilities and thought it should be balanced with what members can and should do, namely make recommendations to the full EEB Board.

8. Planning for Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at Eversource in Berlin.

9. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Eric Brown, Chairperson