



RECV'D: Office of the Town Clerk Feb. 10, 2016 4:34pm

Minutes for February 2, 2016: Durham Public Library Activity Room at 7:00 PM

Attendance: Thomas Kannam, Leslie Bulion, Susan Michael, Sheehan Michael, Paul Griese, Ron Capozzi

### **1. Planning & Zoning Document**

Tom asked the group to review and comment on the energy section of the new planning and zoning document. Ron mentioned that Durham should continue to pursue micro-grid grants from the state of Connecticut.

Sue added that Durham should continue to look for attractive locations for a solar farm (assuming renewable energy credits continue to exist to fund this project). Ron stated that geothermal systems could be expensive to implement.

The CE&STF supported higher density, mixed use development in Durham provided that it was completed in a thoughtful, transparent and energy efficient way.

### **2. Budget vs. Grants**

Tom mentioned that the staff at Town Hall has reached out to CE&STF to check if our group would like to submit a budget given the success of our initiatives. At this time, Tom suggested that we continue to pursue the state and corporate grants available to fund our projects. In addition, we will accept corporate donations of supplies for projects like Durham Fair Composting.

### **3. Electric Car Charging Station**

The CE&STF will use the Bright Ideas Grant to purchase an electric car charging station. The paperwork to secure the funds is under review . Once it arrives, the CE&STF will

move forward. Ron agreed to approach BeFree Solar again for some kind of compensation for Durham's earned charging station that was sold.

#### **4. Bike-Ped Plan**

Tom agreed to send a Thank You note to Bill Kurtz for his thoughtful review of New Haven's bike-ped plan. Bill will support CE&STF's effort to implement a simple plan for our small town.

#### **5. LED Lights**

Tom indicated that all of Durham's streetlights have been converted to LED lights under Eversource's pilot program. He added that Durham was selected for this benefit because of the previous work done in Durham by CE&STF.

#### **6. New Member**

Sheehan Michael mentioned that he had approached a potential new member of CE&STF with cycling expertise. He is waiting for a reply and will report back to the group later.

#### **7. Miscellaneous Business**

There was no miscellaneous business.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**