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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday May 3, 2021
Held Electronically

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Lori Bufano, Joshua Cole, Deborah McFadden, Ross Tartell

GUESTS: Mike Conklin – Director Environmental Affairs, Chris Burney - Director, Public Works, Facilities & Energy Management, Michael Wrinn – Director, Planning & Land Use Management, CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 8:13pm.

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to amend item D-5 to possible Police Commission appointment not Fire Commission. Motion moved by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.

B. Public Comment

Ms. Bufano read a letter from Jonathan Ottens regarding the wetland regulations, the Inland Wetlands Department, tree work next to wetlands and educating new residents on those regulations. Ms. Vanderslice responded to the letter.

Jon Ottens of Wild Duck Rd raised hand during zoom meeting and was let in at approximately 8:23pm to speak to the letter he sent in to the board.

C. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Ms. McFadden seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Public Hearing – April 20, 2021
- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – April 20, 2021

D. Discussion and/or Action

1. Proposed Revised Inland Wetland Fees

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the Proposed Revised inland Wetland Fees. She noted that at a previous meeting discussion was had regarding eliminating the additional disturbance fees. At that meeting it was suggested that all fees be reviewed. Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the attached memo regarding those fees. Ms. Vanderslice noted the question to the board are you comfortable with the level of the Town's base fees or should those be reconsidered as well. Discussion amongst the board and Mike Conklin (Director Environmental Affairs). Ms. Vanderslice suggested just reviewing the additional disturbance fees and follow-up discussion on town department fees at a later date. After detailed review and discussion, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to repeal, effective June 1, 2021, the additional fees for Regulated Activity Applications and Corrective Action Permits. Motion moved by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0. Mr. Conklin to put out notification of the change.

2. Shared Clean Energy Facilities Program

Ms. Vanderslice provided an overview of the Shared Clean Energy Facilities Program regarding a new program for community solar projects (see attached). Chris Burney (Director, Public Works, Facilities & Energy Management) and Michael Wrinn (Director, Planning & Land Use Management) further reviewed the program for the board. All inclined to move forward with the program.

3. COVID-19 Update

Ms. Vanderslice provided a COVID-19 update, noting changes effective May 1, 2021 and May 19, 2021. Awaiting guidance on large events from the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Hope to have Town Hall and Town Hall Annex access on June 1, 2021.

Ms. McFadden posed the question on whether school district was planning a vaccine clinic for students. Ms. Vanderslice responded she was unaware.

4. Town Meeting Update

Ms. Vanderslice provided an update on the Town Meeting.

5. Possible Appointment Police and Inland Wetland Commissions

Two candidates interviewed for appointment to the Police and the Inland Wetland Commissions.

Motion made by Mr. Tartell to appoint Penelope Koechl to the Inland Wetland Commission. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.

Motion made by Ms. McFadden to appoint Jeffrey M. Miller to the Police Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

E. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectman

None.

2. Selectmen

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell posed a question from a resident to Chris Burney (Director, Public Works, Facilities and Energy Management) regarding the budget. The resident wanted to know if the budget had allocated any monies for maintenance or repair of the Yellow House at Ambler Farm. Mr. Burney described the ongoing work to determine the scope of work required. Ms. Vanderslice noted any funding would likely come from the Town's building maintenance reserve. FY2022 will be prioritized by the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. McFadden

None.

Mr. Cole

None.

Ms. Bufano

None.

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:17pm. Motion moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester

Recording Secretary

Taken from Video

To: Board of Selectmen Members

From: Lynne Vanderslice

Date: April 30, 2021

RE: May 3rd BOS Meeting

In advance of Monday's meeting, the following is information on two agenda items:

Inland Wetland Fees-At a previous meeting, we agreed to eliminate the additional wetland disturbance fee. We do not need a public hearing to do so.

At that meeting, I also suggested we examine the activity fees. Following the 2007 recession, the Board of Selectmen had concerns about taxpayers' tolerance for increases in the mill rate. The Board increased fees charged by departments as a supplemental means of funding the cost of department operations.

I recommend we discuss that continued applicability and further explore the comparison to fees charged by other towns as previously provided by Mike Conklin. To provide some context, the following are the fees paid by a homeowner when installing a generator within the regulated area:

Inland Wetlands Minor Activity Fee-Town of Wilton:	\$150.00
State of CT IW Fee:	\$ 60.00
Health Department Review Fee:	\$ 50.00
Zoning Fee:	\$ 25.00
Building Dept Fee:	Typically \$40.00 to \$102.00

Shared Clean Energy Facilities Program-Eversource is accepting applications for their Shared Clean Energy Facilities Program. See the information about the program provided in the meeting packet. The program is similar to the virtual net metering programs that we currently participate in, except those eligible to receive credits on their electric bill is greatly expanded to include residents and small businesses.

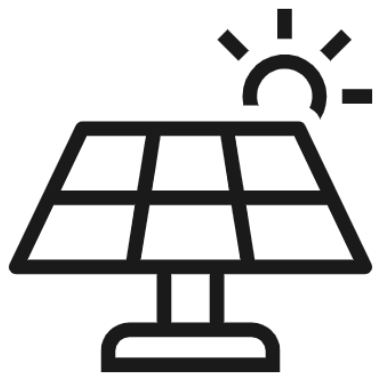
Eversource will be giving priority to systems built on landfills. Cela Sinay, the Managing Partner of Citrine Power, who we teamed with on our other VNM projects, contacted Chris and me about the possibility of a project adjacent to the Transfer Station. The parcel totals over 74 acres, so there appears to be sufficient excess land available, if useable. Chris and I are recommending we work with Citrine to investigate the possibility.

Besides the benefit of a new renewable energy source, the specific benefits to Wilton would be:

- The Town would receive rental income under a land lease.
- Wilton residents and small businesses could be prioritized to receive credits on their Eversource bills. (The Town is ineligible to receive credits because we are already a participant in solar credit programs.)

Applications are due in June. Therefore, we will move quickly to determine feasibility. If feasible, we would return to the Board with a proposal.

SCEF Background and Program Requirements



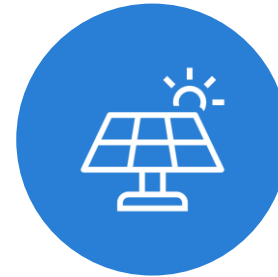
Goals of the Shared Clean Energy Facilities Program

- Annually and cost effectively allocate up to 25 MW to SCEF
- Provide savings to specific categories of customers, particularly customers with low to moderate income, low-income services organizations, and customers who reside in environmental justice communities

Background



Section 7(a)(1)(c) of [Public Act 18-50](#) signed on May 24, 2018 resulted in PURA Docket 19-07-01



Six-year competitive procurement program that will support up to 150 MW of new clean power generation in Connecticut



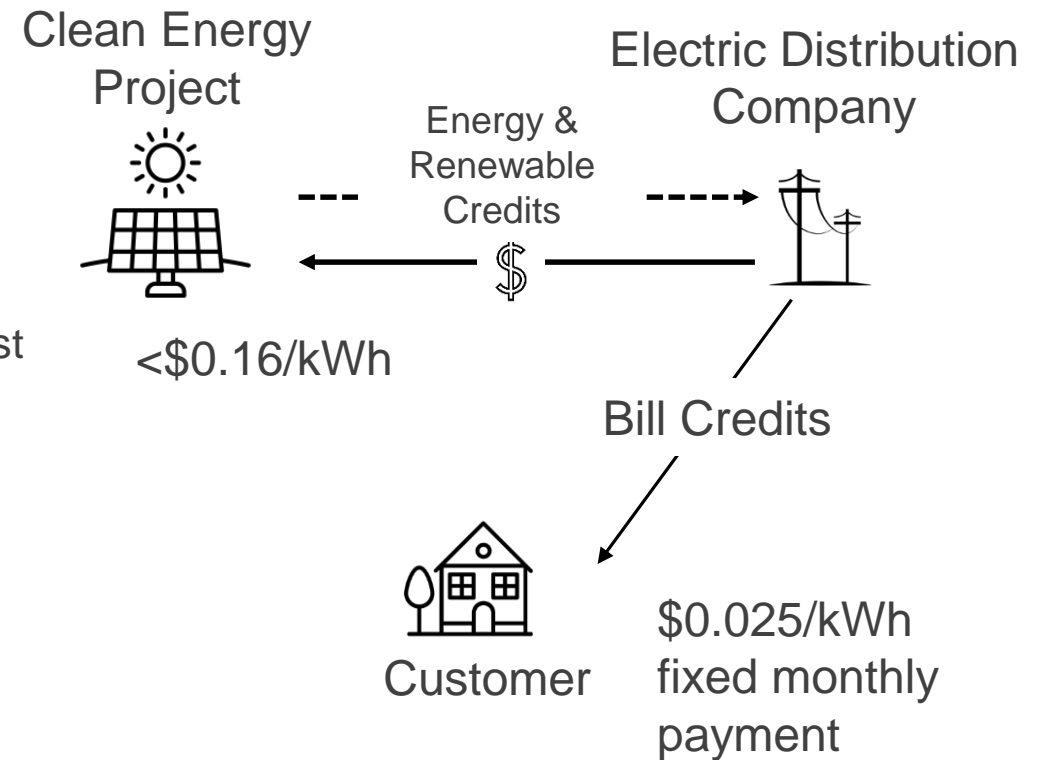
Subscriber Organizations will receive 20-year tariff term from the EDC in which the SCEF project is located



SCEF projects will result in credits that will be applied to the bills of participating electric customers at no cost to those customers

SCEF Program Model

- Clean Energy System Owner
 - Finance and construct project
 - Deliver energy and RECs to EDC
 - Receive direct payment for project production
- Participating Customers
 - Receive clean energy savings as bill credit at no cost
- Electric Distribution Companies
 - Identification and enrollment of customers as subscribers (with partners)
 - Monthly credit allocation to subscribers
 - Quarterly payment to system owner
 - Subscription management





Subscriber Enrollment

Managed solely by Eversource and The United Illuminating Company

Legislation specified customers that could participate

- Low-income Customers and Affordable Housing Facilities
- Moderate-income Customers
- Small Business Customers
- State or Municipal Customers
- Commercial Customers
- Non-Low-to-Moderate Income Customers who:
 - Reside in a rental property or a property where they do not control the roof, or;
 - Reside in their own property, but cannot install solar

Procurement Process

SCEF Project Solicitation Process

- 25 MW yearly procurements for six years
- Systems from 100 kW to 4 MW are eligible
- Must be eligible for the CT Class I Renewable Portfolio Standard
- Selected based on bid prices and other criteria
- Projects have three years for construction
- Once generating, will receive payments for system generation for up to twenty years

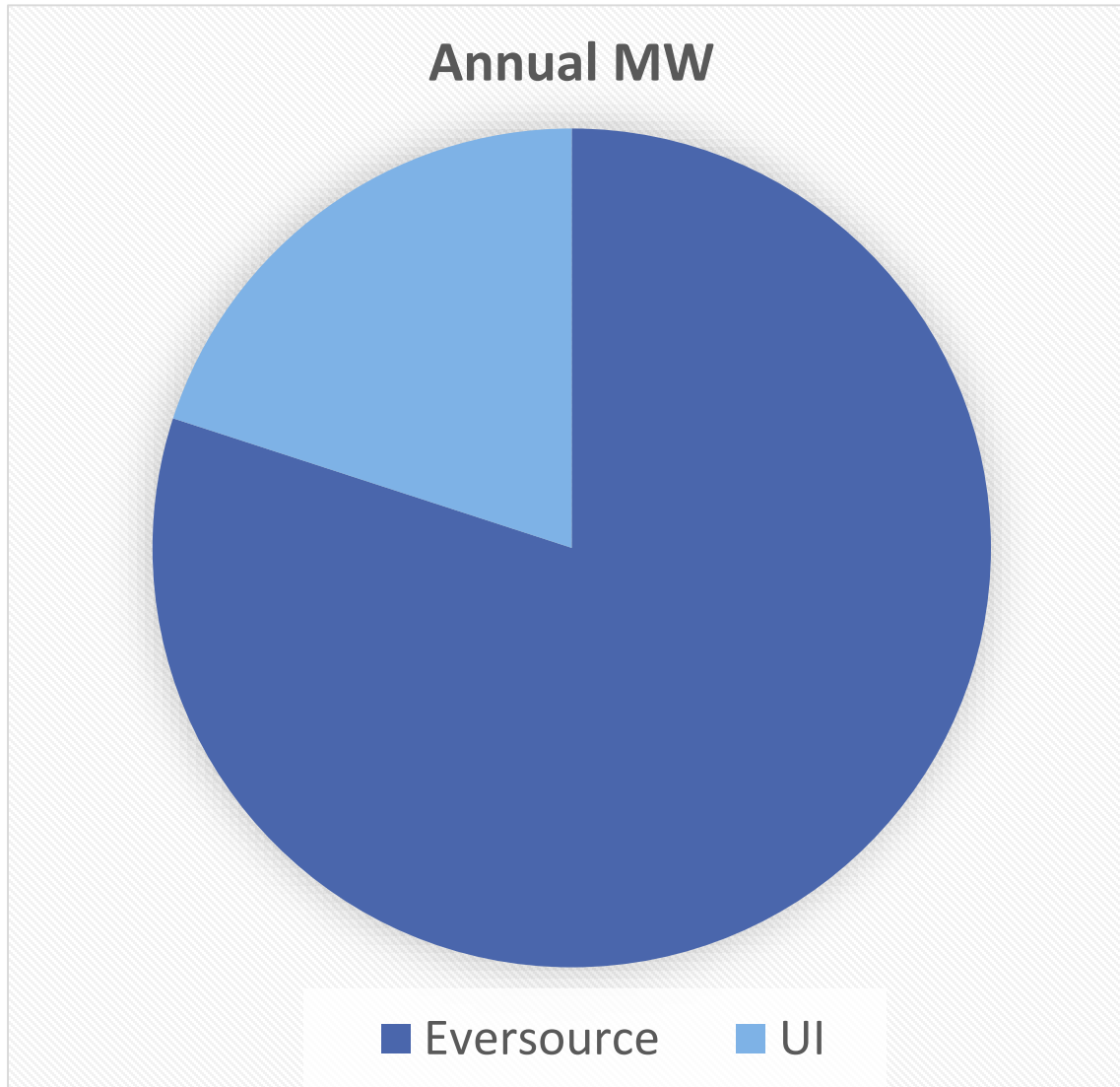
Annual MW Allocation

25MW total split 80% Eversource, 20% UI

Eversource: 20MW annually

UI: 5MW annually

At the conclusion of the 6 procurement years:
150 MW total



Project Eligibility

- ✓ Must be between 100kW and 4MW in size
- ✓ CT Class I Technology
- ✓ Located in Companies' service territory
- ✓ Must interconnect to applicable Company's distribution system
- ✓ Must be new (construction must commence after the date of the solicitation to which the Bidder is responding)
- ✓ Cannot receive or seek to receive any CT ratepayer-funded incentives or subsidies (net metering, VNM, PURPA, LREC/ZREC, PA 18-50 tariffs other than those in this program, CT Green Bank grants/rebates, C&LM program)
- ✓ Final as-built size cannot exceed as-bid nameplate capacity
- ✓ Cannot split projects to qualify
- ✓ One bid per site per technology
- ✓ Aggregate maximum capacity of all Bids on single parcel of land or contiguous parcels under common ownership is limited to 4MW
- ✓ SCEF and its associated interconnection route cannot be located, in whole or in part, on core forest
- ✓ Appendix B required to be submitted to DEEP by bid deadline