

Dear Sir or Madam,

Comment 1: It would be nice if your announcement gave the correct time of the meeting. The announcement said 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Of course, the meeting was from 1 –3 PM.

Comment 2: Please educate the gentleman who keeps saying that wind and solar cannot produce energy when there is no wind or sun. He said today that we would never get a battery that would store wind or solar. Please have him read, http://blog.rmi.org/blog_2016_01_21_how_much_does_storage_really_cost_lazard_weighs_in, and also the attachment about battery storage <http://www.rmi.org/Content/Files/RMI-TheEconomicsOfBatteryEnergyStorage-FullReport-FINAL.pdf>. There are also alternative energy storage methods besides batteries. I direct him to the following links: <http://energystorage.org/compressed-air-energy-storage-caes>, <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy13osti/56731.pdf>, and http://www.nrel.gov/electricity/transmission/energy_storage.html. It would be nice if the people on the Council made their decisions from a base of knowledge rather than some belief they picked up in a conversation.

Comment 3: This reason for this comment might be people who believe as the person in Comment 2. Connecticut is taking baby steps on solar power. Shared solar has been stuffed into a pilot program. There is a cap on virtual net metering that is a road block to developing solar farms. Connecticut is way behind its neighboring states of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Vermont on installed solar capacity and installed solar capacity per capita. Eversource ranks very low among utilities as to the amount of renewable energy it provides. It would be good if when the GC3 coordinates with the CES group that advancing solar was a priority.

Comment 4: The comment at the end on propane powered buses makes some sense. Propane is a greenhouse gas but is only 3 times more potent than carbon dioxide over 100 years. It is cleaner than diesel because diesel puts out nitrous oxides and small soot particles called PM2.5 which means particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns. These particles are severe health hazards since they are small enough to pass through the lungs into the blood stream. They build up and can cause several diseases. However propane is more expensive than diesel to use. It is cheaper than diesel per gallon but does not generate the same power as diesel. Therefore diesel is cheaper per mile than propane.

Natural gas buses are just plain crazy since natural gas is 86 times more potent than carbon dioxide over 20 years. Fueling is going to have leaks and create more global warming.

Comment 5: I would like to see the names of organizations of the people invited to the first stakeholder's meeting. How can we judge the inclusivity of the process unless we know that. I am on United Church of Christ Environmental Ministry Team. As far as I know no one on the team was invited. Was anyone from the Inter-Religious Eco-Justice Network invited? Any one from the Sierra Club? Food and Water Watch? 350CT.org?

Cordially, Gary Bent