



May Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Location: Spoke + Spy Ciderworks, Middletown

Present:

Sheri Dieso	SD	Board member
Alicia Dolce	AD	Board Member
Sara Holmes	SH	Board member
George Penniman	GP	Board member
Leonard Wyeth	LW	Board member
John Geary	JG	CTPH member
Sandy Gill	SG	CTPH member
Bill Freeman	BF	CTPH Member
Zach Nelson	ZN	CTPH Member
Cat Young	CY	CTPH member

Distribution: Available on website

“We,” “our,” “us,” and “CTPH” refers to the Connecticut Passive House group.

Issues discussed:

CHFA’S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Alicia described the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) proposed amendments to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and how it removes the incentive for Passive Houses in affordable multifamily projects.
2. Alicia and Bill will attend the public hearing on 5/23. Alicia will speak on behalf of CTPH, Bill will speak as a business owner.
3. Alicia sent around a draft letter, which people can use to customize and send to decision makers.
4. Sara will work with Alicia to put together an eblast to rally letter-writers.

MAY 10TH EVENT RECAP

5. 5 sponsors: Celco, Mitsubishi, Architectural Building Resources, Boral, Minotair
6. George gave a financial report.
7. Next time:
 - a. Moderate Q&A better
 - b. Have predetermined questions



- c. Have a “What is Passive House table”
- d. More time afterwards for networking (In the case of Two Roads, people could be encouraged to move to the public tasting room bar)
- 8. Should we have CTPH merchandise? Water bottles, etc.

NEXT EVENT

- 9. September, a Tuesday or Thursday mid-month
- 10. Steve DeMetrick from DeMetrick Housewrights
- 11. Same as, or similar to, his talk about NESEA’s BuildingEnergy Boston 2018: “KISS (Keep It Simple, Smartypants): A Builder’s Perspective On Straightforward Construction Details For Constructing A Low-Cost, High-Performance Home”
- 12. Stony Creek Brewery

COMMITTEES

- 13. Outreach & Advocacy: Alicia, Bill, Sandy
- 14. Sponsorship: George, Bill
- 15. Marketing & Publicity: Cat and Jon Ellis
- 16. Education: John
- 17. Events: the Board (for now)
- 18. Awards: the Board (for now)
- 19. Sheri will write down what she’s ordered and arranged for past events (food, etc) for future events.
- 20. Committees have authority to make decisions and take action.

NYPH18

- 21. CTPH has three free conference passes. Contact Sara for the code.
- 22. CTPH members get a 10% discount. The code will again be circulated in a members-only email.
- 23. Add CT Green Bank’s “How We Build, How We Live: The Impact of Housing on Our Health and Wellness” conference – June 8th.

SPONSORS

- 24. Huber Engineered Woods is our first Annual Sponsor. They are Level 1.
- 25. Wasco asked for Annual Sponsor information. Sara will resend. *Update: Wasco signed on at Level 2*
- 26. Connecticut Green Bank’s fiscal cycle is coming up which means we need to submit our request for the next year. Bill said he would contact them. *Update: Sara submitted our 2018 Description of Activities & Budget Outline to Kim Stevenson.*

WEBSITE

- 27. The by-laws will go up on the website.



28. "What is Passive House" on website / more prominent.
29. Remind members they can upload their own projects to the website.

MISCELLANEOUS

30. We should put together a presentation for building departments.
31. Consider a web-based collaboration site such as Basecamp or Slack.
32. Sheri will look into getting a conference call # for meeting call-ins.
33. Peter Harding would like to be considered as a new Board Member.
34. Cat will work with Jon Ellis on a brochure in time for NYPH18.
35. Sheri will ask CTGBC if we can collaborate on their awards program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

36. Following our "third Tuesday" rule, future monthly meetings will be June 19th, and July 17th.

Meeting concluded at 8:00pm.

Submitted by: Sara Holmes, Secretary