

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2017
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
Rob Brucato
David Gavin
Tim White

Commissioners Absent: Walter Gayeski
Martin Cobern

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Peter Talbot, Town Council

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined for this meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Brucato to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2017 meeting.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin and opened for discussion.

Corrections were noted:

- 1) Under Community Pool Energy Efficiency, the second sentence should read: "Without a full year of operation, it is difficult to analyze the data due to a lack of data from last year."
- 2) Under Dryer Duct Cleaning Program, the first sentence should read: "Mr Brucato stated there were two recent dryer vent fires in Cheshire and recommended revisiting this program as it relates to fire safety and energy savings."

The motion was returned to a vote and passed unanimously with the noted corrections.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Energy Commission.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1) Town-wide ESPC (Energy Saving Performance Contract) project

Mr. Gancarz stated the M&V report has still not been received. Mr. Gancarz stated George Noewatne is in the process of comparing quotes for the supplemental projects. Mr. Gancarz stated the energy savings was \$840,958, \$327,159 of which has been allocated and approved by the Town Council for supplemental projects. Mr. Gancarz stated there is a possibility a portion of the remaining \$500,000 may be allocated from energy to other areas to offset the budget. There was a brief discussion.

2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gavin stated he is analyzing the data. Mr. Gancarz stated he will send the data from automatic data transfer to Mr. Gavin.

3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Mr. Gancarz stated this project did not make it on the Town Council agenda. Mr. Gancarz stated he has asked Eversource to finalize the lightbulbs give away so the dryer duct vent cleaning project can be rolled out. Mr. Brucato stated 101 people signed up at the Fall Festival. Mr. Brucato stated he is in contact with the Cheshire Fire Department and has spoken with three different companies to provide the dryer duct vent cleanings. There was a brief discussion about the process for soliciting bids. Mr. Gancarz stated he will find out and report back.

4) Concession Stand Renovations

Mr. Talbot stated the concession stand is on schedule to be operational by April 1, 2017. Mr. Gancarz stated he received an email from Mr. Masciana stating that Mr. Marseglia met with Eversource and is applying for energy incentives such as fiber insulation, LED lights, occupancy sensors, an instantaneous gas fired water heater, etc.

5) Energy Storage

Mr. White stated Tesla's engineering team has the interval data and he has been pushing Tesla to get back to him. Mr. White apologized for the delay.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager
Mr. Gancarz stated he attended the Automatic Data Transfer webinar on February 15, 2017. Mr. Gancarz stated he received all of the automatic data transfer and will bring reports to next month's meeting. There was a brief discussion.
- 2) Town Energy Use Graphs
There was no report on this matter due to Mr. Cobern's absence.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the Editor
Mr. Michalowski stated he wrote to Ray Magliozzi, Car Talk columnist, to confirm that driving an all electric car is beneficial. Mr. Michalowski shared a copy of the article.
Chairman Ogurick stated he received a letter regarding new and reappointments on the Energy Commission. Chairman Ogurick was reappointed for a term of four years (2/1/17-1/31/21); Mr. Gavin was reappointed for a term of four year terms (2/1/17-1/31/21); Tim White was appointed to fill the vacancy of Phil Newton for a term of four years (2/1/17-1/31/21).
- 2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation
Mr. Gancarz stated there are three plaques left, but he has not received them from Mr. Newton yet. Chairman Ogurick stated the Energy Commission should be considering potential candidates to be presented with the Energy Achiever Award.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) Solar on town-owned landfill
Mr. Gancarz stated the impact study has been received and the estimates were substantially more than anticipated. This matter is currently being reviewed. Chairman Ogurick stated he did not contact Winston Brown at Eversource.
- 2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings
Mr. Gancarz stated the possibility of solar at the WPCA is still being pursued.

E. PBC Projects

There was a brief discussion about the concession stand, window replacement and emergency shelter generator projects at CHS.

- F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs
 - 1) Early Involvement of Eversource
There was no discussion on this matter.
- G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming
Mr. Gancarz reported the tree trimming is still ongoing.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of new commissioner
Chairman Ogurick welcomed Tim White as a new commissioner to the Energy Commission.
- B. Election of Officers for 2017

MOTION by Mr. White to nominate Mr. Ogurick as Chairman of the Energy Commission.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously.

MOTION by Mr. Brucato to nominate Mr. Michalowski as Vice Chairman of the Energy Commission.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously.

MOTION by Mr. Gavin to nominate Mr. White as Secretary of the Energy Commission.

SECONDED by Mr. Brucato and passed unanimously.

- C. SustCTEnergyNetwork: GreenCircle Sustainability Awards Program
There was no discussion on this matter.

- D. SustCTEnergyNetwork: WEBINAR on 3/1/17: Is a Microgrid the Right Choice for Your Municipality?

Mr. Gancarz stated he is registered for this Webinar.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. White to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

SECONDED by Mr. Michalowski and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill