

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, March 27, 2017 7:00 PM  
ROOM 207, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Rich Ogurick  
Paul Michalowski  
Rob Brucato  
David Gavin  
Marty Cobern  
Tim White  
Walter Gayeski

**Absent:** Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer  
Peter Talbot, Town Council

**Others Present:** Vince Masciana, Cheshire Public School  
Dawn Guite, Recording Secretary

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** A quorum was present for the meeting.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 27, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Brucato made a motion to accept the minutes as amended for February 27, 2017. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gavin and approved unanimously. There was one abstention – Commissioner Cobern.

Corrections noted:

1) Page 2, Item 6A(1)

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 is an incorrect statement.

Statement should read: \$840,958 is the remaining balance of the incentive funding as part of the project.

2) Page 2, Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Mr. Gancarz stated that this project did not make it on the Town Council agenda for February. The Energy Commission agreed to re-try this recommendation to the

Town Council and to get on the March agenda. \$3,758 will be allocated for soliciting bids.

3) Page 3, Clean Energy

Mr. Gancarz stated that the impact study estimates for solar energy on a town-owned landfill have been received and approximate estimates at \$175,000 came back considerably higher at \$400,000.

## V. COMMUNICATIONS

There was nothing to report.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Town-wide ESPC project – M & V report; supplemental projects

A meeting was held with Ameresco regarding M&V report. Mr. Noewatne, Mr. Gancarz and Mr. Masciana were in attendance. Ameresco data notes a performance guarantee to save money. If the Town does not meet savings quota, Ameresco will pay the difference.

2. Community pool – monthly audit of gas and electric meters

Mr. Gancarz is analyzing the data and will send it from automatic data transfer to Mr. Gavin.

3. Dryer duct cleaning program – allocation of \$3,758 of BIG grant for vouchers – approved

Mr. Brucato said that The Town Council approved allocation of \$3,758 of BIG grant for vouchers. Three vendors will be assigned to do the cleaning. The vendors will be paid by submitting invoices for work done at each house. The vouchers are good for 6 months and expiration dates will be printed on the vouchers. 101 people have signed up so far for this service.

4. New concession stand at Cheshire HS

Mr. Masciana stated that he met with Eversource and is applying for energy incentives such as fiber insulation, LED lighting and occupancy sensors.

5. Energy storage – Tesla feasibility study

Mr. White stated that he had nothing new to report. He is awaiting for Tesla to return interval data. Tesla is trying to build an economic model combining its data with that of Board of Education (BOE) finance. A link has been created to extract data. Mr. Masciana will forward information regarding the link to the Energy Commission.

## B. Benchmarking

### 1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz's notes stated that the portfolio manager is in place and that data can be extracted from it. Mr. Gibbons, Finance at BOE, will be asked how he will get a direct feed from Eversource.

### 2. Town energy use graphs – Marty Cobern

Mr. Cobern will report at the meeting in April.

## C. Publicity/Education Outreach

### 1. News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Michalowski had nothing to report.

It was suggested that publicity focus on residences who use solar both at home and in their businesses located in town.

### 2. Energy Achiever Awards

Several candidates were discussed to receive this award.

## D. Clean Energy

### 1. Solar on town landfill – virtual net metering; status of impact study

Mr. Gancarz's notes stated that costs are being negotiated.

### 2. Solar possibilities on other town-operated buildings – water pollution control facility.

The WPCA is being considered for solar. Discussions are ongoing.

## E. PBC Projects

The discussion is ongoing regarding projects at the concession stand and at Cheshire High School.

## F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

### 1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

There was nothing to discuss.

## G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

The project is ongoing.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Eversource Municipal Program – 0% on-the-bill financing for up to 48 months**

The Eversource Municipal Program offers 0% financing for energy efficiency projects for up to 48 months.

### **B. SustCTEnergyNetwork: Virtual Net Metering bill – increase or remove the \$10M cap**

A proposal is being drafted to remove \$10M cap from Virtual Net Metering Bill. Mr. White said that there is cost shifting among billing rates. There is no incentive from transmission and delivery of energy.

### **C. Go-Generation**

Mr. Gayeski suggested researching case studies regarding co-generation. He also suggested getting cost to bus students to Wesleyan Hockey Rink from Cheshire for practice/games, etc.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Chairman Ogurick to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

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Minutes typed and submitted on April 1, 2016 by Dawn Guite, Recording Secretary.