

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, April 24, 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
Tim White
Walter Gayeski

Commissioners Absent: Marty Cobern
Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Peter Talbot, District Councilman

Others Present: Dawn Guite, Interim 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. March 27, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Gavin made a motion to accept the minutes as amended for March 27, 2017. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Michalowski and approved unanimously.

Corrections noted:

- 1) Page 4, Adjournment
Commissioner Michalowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gavin and approved unanimously.
- 2) Page 2, Item 6, Energy Efficiency Projects
Ameresco data notes a performance guarantee to save energy, which, in turn, translates to saving money.
Town does not meet savings projections.
- 3) Page 2, New concessions stand at Cheshire HS
Mr. Masciana stated that he met with Eversource and is applying for energy rebates.
- 4) Page 3, Energy storage – Tesla feasibility study
Mr. White is waiting for Tesla to submit an analysis of the Eversource interim data that was sent by the Energy Commission.
- 5) Page 3, Benchmarking – Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz's notes stated that the Portfolio Manager is in place.....(capitalize Portfolio Manager).

- 6) Page 4, New Business – SustCTEnergyNetwork: Virtual Net Metering bill
Delete last sentence: There is no incentive from transmission and delivery of energy.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There was nothing to report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Town-wide ESPC project – M & V report; supplemental projects
Mr. Gancarz's notes reported that the M & V report is expected to be completed in late May or early June. There has been no action taken on the supplemental projects.
2. Community pool – monthly audit of gas and electric meters
Mr. Gavin emailed an Excel spreadsheet to the Commissioners showing the current degree days, savings and differences. He reported that the data shows a savings of approximately 20 – 30% for gas and that electricity is higher or equal to what it has been in the past. There are improvements in energy efficiency based offset by longer hours of use; UV systems and lighting.
3. Dryer duct cleaning program – allocation of BIG grant for vouchers –
Mr. Brucato said that the Fire Department is planning an open house and asked if the Energy Commission would like to take part. This will be a good opportunity to discuss the dryer duct cleaning program with the public.
4. New concession stand at Cheshire HS
5. Energy storage – Tesla feasibility study

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 was not present at tonight's meeting; there was nothing to report.

C. Publicity/Education Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor
Mr. Michalowski had nothing to report.
2. Energy Achiever Awards
Candidates discussion is ongoing.

D. Clean Energy

1. Solar on town landfill – virtual net metering; status of impact study
2. Solar possibilities on other town-operated buildings – water pollution control facility.
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
- B. SustCTEnergyNetwork: Virtual Net Metering bill – increase or remove the \$10M cap
- C. Go-Generation
Discussions are ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Chairman Ogurick to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Minutes typed and submitted by Dawn Guite, Recording Secretary
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