

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 22, 2017
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Walter Gayeski
David Gavin
Tim White

Commissioners Absent: Paul Michalowski
Rob Brucato
Martin Cobern

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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. White to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2017 meeting, as amended.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin and opened for discussion.

The following corrections were noted:

- 1) In the heading, the words “Draft Minutes” should be removed.
- 2) The attendance should reflect that Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer and Peter Talbot, District Councilman are “Others Present,” not “Commissioners Absent.”
- 3) Under Correction 2 of the March 27, 2017 minutes, Energy Efficiency Projects, the last sentence, “Town does not meet savings projections.” should be deleted.
- 4) Under Correction 3 of the March 27, 2017 minutes, it should read “concession” stand, not “concessions.”
- 5) Under Correction 4, Energy Storage, the word “interim” should be corrected to “interval.”
- 6) Under Energy Efficiency Projects-Community Pool, it should read, “Mr. Gavin emailed an Excel spreadsheet to the Commissioners showing the current degree days.” The last sentence of that same paragraph should

read, "There are improvements in energy efficiency; however, they are offset by longer hours of use for UV systems and lighting."

- 7) It should be noted under New Concession Stand at CHS that no discussion took place on this matter.
- 8) Under Energy Storage - Tesla Feasibility Study, it should be noted that Mr. White is waiting for a response from Tesla.
- 9) Under Energy Star Portfolio Manager, in the first sentence the words Portfolio Manager should be capitalized.
- 10) Under Solar on Town Landfill, it should be noted that no discussion took place on this matter.
- 11) Under Adjournment, it should be noted that Mr. Michalowski made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. White and passed unanimously by those present and voting.

The motion was returned to a vote and passed unanimously with the noted corrections by all those present and voting.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gavin noted the passing of Frank Biancur. The Commissioners took a moment to remember Mr. Biancur and all of the contributions he made to the Cheshire Public School system.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

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

Mr. Gancarz stated the M&V report has not been received. Mr. Gancarz stated there is no update on 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 still analyzing the data. Mr. Gavin stated he sent a memo to Mark Nash, Chairman of the Public Building Commission proposing other energy savings measures that can be taken at the Community Pool, including cogeneration. Mr. Gavin has not yet received a response from Mr. Nash. Mr. Gavin stated that based on his analysis thus far, the projected savings should be approximately 25% on gas and break even on electric. Mr. Gayeski suggested the idea of cogeneration be put on the 5 year capital budget as a placeholder. There was a lengthy discussion.

- 3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Chairman Ogurick stated that Allison Jackson from Eversource indicated there is a remaining balance of \$6,254.15 from the light

bulb giveaway at the Fall Festival. Mr. Gancarz stated he will request that the check be sent back to the Town.

4) Energy Storage

Mr. White stated he is still waiting for a response from Tesla and will reach out to Tesla again.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz stated the automatic data transfer is up to date. Mr. Gancarz stated he will send the link to the Commissioners for review and use.

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

There was no report on this matter due to Mr. Michalowski's absence.

2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation

There was no discussion on this matter.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill

Mr. Gancarz stated the direct trip transfer issue from the impact study has not yet been resolved. The direct trip transfer raises the kWh price and is in the process of being sorted out with Eversource and Solar City. Mr. Gancarz stated he will send the names of the supervisors to Chairman Ogurick in an effort to move this matter along.

2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings

Mr. Gancarz stated the possibility of solar at the WPCA is still being considered, but the WPCA is not committed to the idea.

Mr. White made a detailed presentation on the Economics of Solar. Mr. White received feedback from the Commissioners and plans to take his presentation to the Town Council in an effort to pursue the possibility of solar on other Town-operated buildings.

E. PBC Projects

There was no discussion on this matter.

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 ongoing.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Solar carports

There was a brief discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of solar carports.

- B. Clean Energy Communities Dashboard

There was no discussion on this matter.

- C. Building Operator Certification

Chairman Ogurick stated he sent this information to Vincent Masciana.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Gavin to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

SECONDED by Mr. Gayeski and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill