

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 31, 2017
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
Walter Gayeski
Rob Brucato
Tim White

Commissioners Absent: David Gavin

Others Present: Richard Clavet, BOE Manager of Buildings and Grounds

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Michalowski to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2017 meeting.

SECONDED by Mr. Brucato and opened for discussion.

The following corrections were noted:

- 1) Under Dryer Duct Cleaning Program, the first sentence should be amended to state the draft letter was sent to vendors, residents. The third sentence should be amended to state The Citizen, not the Record Journal.
- 2) Under Solar on Town-owned landfill, the second sentence should be amended to state the check in the amount of \$131,560 was sent from Solar City to Eversource, not from Eversource to Solar City.
- 3) Under PBC projects, the last line of the second paragraph should be amended to state work, not “worked.”

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

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

Chairman Ogurick stated he prepared a spreadsheet of data extracted from the M&V report which shows a nice savings Townwide. It was agreed this item should be added to publicity for the Energy Commission's efforts to save the Town money through energy efficiency programs. Mr. Gayeski stated he would write something up to be posted on the Cheshire Community Forum Facebook page.

As to the supplemental projects, Chairman Ogurick stated on behalf of Mr. Gancarz that the Town has met with Peter Combs of Ameresco about going ahead with the three projects. The Town also asked Ameresco for a price to temper the make-up air in Town Hall, as it is unheated at present and causes issues during the heating season. Chairman Ogurick stated the Town has met 20% of its energy reduction goal. Mr. White stated the Town has met two energy reduction goals: 10% and 20%. There was a brief discussion.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency
There was no discussion on this matter.

- 3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Mr. Brucato stated he sent the approved letter to eight dryer duct cleaning vendors and has not yet received any responses. Mr. Brucato stated he will reach out to each vendor personally in the hopes of progressing this program.

- 4) Energy Storage

Mr. White stated he has still received no response from Tesla, but will continue to pursue acquisition of the interval data.

There was a discussion about the list of five points to measure feasibility which was provided by Ameresco.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager
There was no discussion on this matter.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the Editor
Mr. Michalowski stated he had no articles to share this month.

- 2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation
There was no discussion on this matter.
- 3) Energize Cheshire
Mr. White stated he is in the process of compiling a list of likely adopters for this program. Once the list is compiled, Mr. White will reach out to residents through mailers, telephone calls and door-to-door.
Mr. White stated he also intends to set up a table at each school's orientation to publicize this program.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) Solar on town-owned landfill
Chairman Ogurick stated on behalf of Mr. Gancarz that all approvals have been received for the solar on Town-owned landfill project. Solar City expects to be out at the site for a reconnaissance mission on August 1, 2017. Racking is expected to start on September 11, 2017.
- 2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings
Mr. White stated he would like to present 10-12 sites to the Town Council for other potential solar possibilities on Town-owned facilities.

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski that the Energy Commission, in an effort to save the Town money, recommends the Town Council approve solar possibilities on other Town-owned facilities.

SECONDED by Mr. White and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Clavet stated it was recently discovered the emergency lights on the first floor of Dodd Middle School were never tied in. In addition, the inverter needs to be upsized to accommodate the emergency lighting. There was a brief discussion about why this was never done and who was responsible for doing it.

Mr. Clavet stated there were 50 missing LED wall packs at Cheshire High School. The Board of Education has received and installed the missing lights.

Mr. Clavet stated the emergency shelter generator has been installed at Cheshire High School and connectors are expected to be installed at the other schools.

Mr. Clavet stated Phase III of the window replacement at Cheshire High School has been completed. Naugatuck Glass is in the process of bending the sheet metal and caulking the windows. Mr. Clavet stated this project is expected to be completed before school starts.

Mr. Clavet stated a CO has been issued for the concession stand and the kitchen is fully functional. Mr. Clavet stated there are some remaining punchlist items that are being addressed with the general contractor.

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
There was no discussion on this matter.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Martin Cobern resignation

Chairman Ogurick stated Martin Cobern has tendered his resignation from the Energy Commission. Mr. Michalowski stated the Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee reached out to him for potential new members.

B. Fall Festival

MOTION by Mr. Gayeski to add the Fall Festival as an agenda item under New Business.

SECONDED by Mr. Brucato and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

There was a brief discussion about possible ways for the Energy Commission to participate in the Fall Festival this year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

SECONDED by Mr. Brucato and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill