

**ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting – Monday, January 29, 2018 – 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall, 84 South Main Street – Room 210**

Members Present: Rich Ogurick, Chairperson  
Paul Michalowski  
Walter Gayeski  
David Gavin  
Tim White (arrived 7:20 PM)

Members Absent: Rob Brucato

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Operations Manager/Town Engineer  
Richard Clavet, Cheshire Public Schools

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembled group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 27, 2017

Correction: On page 2, VI. A., 2), the words “Control Air and” should be deleted from the first sentence.

**Moved David Gavin and seconded by Paul Michalowski that the Minutes be approved with noted corrections.**

**Motion carried unanimously by all present and voting.**

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Walter Gayeski alerted the commissioners to an invitation to a seminar entitled CT Energy Resiliency at the Town Level to be held on February 17.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

1. Town-wide ESPC Project

Software upgrades for Town Buildings and Cheshire Public Schools are on hold due to a budget freeze.

SNE is still trying to improve the Building Management Systems. Some legacy systems are no longer covered by the software, which has affected scheduled calendar settings. A patch is forthcoming.

2. Community Pool

Co-generation proposal update – See VI. F. 2.

3. Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

As of November's meeting, Rob Brucato planned to tender his resignation from the Energy Commission, but still plans, in a volunteer capacity, to create and mail the brochures. Rich Ogurick will contact Rob to determine the status of that project.

B. BENCHMARKING

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – Energy Star Rating for Cheshire Public Schools

An audit was completed in November, but no report has been received. Since the State no longer supports this initiative, the status of this report is uncertain.

C. PUBLICITY/EDUCATION/OUTREACH

1. News Articles and Letters to the Editor

A news article was distributed regarding the planned increase of electric vehicles in China to decrease air pollution and reduce China's reliance on fossil fuels.

There was discussion about the 30% tariff on solar panels imported from China and its potential impact.

2. Energy Achiever Awards

Walter Gancarz will ask Economic Development Coordinator, Jerry Sitko, about Cheshire businesses which might be nominated for this award.

D. CLEAN ENERGY

1. Solar on Town Landfill

The contractor will finish installation this week. Eversource is expected to finalized connection in late February or early March. There are 4,400 panels over the 5-acre area.

2. Solar possibilities at other Town facilities

Walter Gancarz will forward the solar assessment for Dodd Middle School and Cheshire High School so that Richard Clavet can review them.

3. Solarize Cheshire

A second "Solarize" program is beginning and Cheshire may choose to participate at no cost. Applications are due by February 15 and the program will begin in April 2018. The

first “Solarize Cheshire” program directly resulting in 52 homes installing solar panels, but the market is not saturated, by most estimates.

As in the first program, Smart Power will issue an RFP. Each participating community will be invited to attend a presentation and select three providers to recommend to Cheshire residents. Residents will be responsible to obtain quotes and/or contract work with the provider(s) of their choice.

Tim White, Dave Gavin, and Walter Gancarz agreed to attend the presentation when the time comes.

**Moved David Gavin and seconded by Paul Michalowski that the Cheshire apply for and participate in the new “Solarize” program.  
Motion carried unanimously by all present and voting.**

#### E. PBC PROJECTS

1. ADA Compliance at Cheshire High School – energy efficiency opportunities  
The PBC is putting forward an architect, recommending the Town Council issue a contract. The architect will set priorities for the current list, which mostly concerns egress, access, and ADA issues. There are no issues involving energy.

LED lighting is being considered for the CHS football field. A quote has been requested.

#### F. GRANTS/REBATES/UTILITY PROGRAMS

1. Early involvement of Eversource in Town building projects  
The Energy Commission encourages involving Eversource in project designs in order to build or renovate in the most energy-efficient way possible. In some cases, Eversource may incentivize additional costs to promote better energy savings. Walter Gancarz will forward the Eversource contact to Rich Clavet.

2. New/Final \$10,000 Bright Idea Grant  
Although the program has been discontinued, Cheshire is still expecting a final \$10,000 grant. The proposal, which was approved by Eversource, was to develop an RFP for combined heat and power (CHP) at the Town Pool. This project will be put to the Town Council for approval on February 13, 2018.  
Dave Gavin agreed to serve on a subcommittee to review the RFPs once they’ve been received.  
Proposals should be available in advance of the Energy Commission’s March 2018 meeting.

G. ENERGY RELIABILITY PROGRAM – Tree trimming

Eversource has resumed trimming all over Cheshire. A map is available on the Town website. Asplundh is the contractor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

This program is no longer in existence.

B. FOIA/CONFLICT OF INTEREST/RESOLUTIONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There was a brief review of presented documents.

**Motion by Dave Gavin, seconded by Paul Michalowski, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.**

Attested to by \_\_\_\_\_

Janet Ray, Recording Secretary