

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 23, 2018
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

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

Commissioners Absent: Carol Doheny
Paul Michalowski

Others Present: Walter Gancarz

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those 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 March 26, 2018 meeting.
SECONDED by Mr. Gavin and opened for discussion.

The following corrections were noted:

- 1) Under Section A. Energy Efficiency Projects - Community Pool - a period should be added to “Mr.”
- 2) Under Section A. Dryer Duct Cleaning Program - Chairman Ogurick requested the last sentence be changed to say “...resident who are interested should be contacted soon...”
- 3) Under Section A. Dryer Duct Cleaning Program - Chairman Ogurick requested the last name of Dan, the dryer vent vendor, be provided.

The motion was returned to a vote and passed unanimously 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

There was no report on this matter.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gavin stated the following bids were submitted for this project. Only the first three bids will be considered due to the late submission by Tecogen.

Aegis - \$180,000 - 35 kW

American DG Energy - \$438,000 - 75 kW

EcoSolar - \$275,000 - 60 kW

Tecogen - \$349,000 - 75 kW (ineligible)

Mr. Gavin stated each vendor offers the option for outright purchase or PPA (Power Purchase Agreement). An outright purchase offers a quicker payback than a PPA (5 years versus 9 years). There is a cost of \$6,500 per year for a maintenance contract with an outright purchase. There was a detailed discussion about the pros and cons of each option.

MOTION by Mr. White for the Energy Commission to recommend the Town Council allocate \$180,000 of the remaining rebate from the Energy Saving Performance Contract to outright purchase a cogeneration system for the community pool.

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

Mr. Ogurick requested confirmation on whether emissions testing will be required or not. Mr. Gancarz stated there is a standard two year warranty or an optional ten year warranty with the service agreement.

It was noted the two-year anniversary of the pool was in January and there should be comparative data available.

- 3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

There was no report on this matter.

- 4) LED stadium lighting at CHS

Per Mr. Clavet's email dated April 23, 2018, the CPS have been taking advantage of a rebate program that allows them to purchase T8 LED replacement bulbs for \$1.50/bulb. Approximately 500 lamps have been replaced thus far. The program expires at the end of April. The swap out buys the CPS a 50% savings in consumption (14W vs. 32W) and an increased lumen output.

B. Benchmarking

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

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the Editor
There was no report on this matter.

- 2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation
There was a brief discussion about possible recipients, but no nominations are being made at this point. A determination will be made once all necessary data has been collected and reviewed by the Energy Commission.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) Solar on town-owned landfill
Mr. Gancarz stated 8600 kWh were generated yesterday. Mr. Gancarz stated in addition to the monitor in the lobby, the real time data can also be found on-line at the link he shared in his email. Mr. Gancarz stated he will follow the data and report on all savings and discounts.

- 2) *Solarize Cheshire*
Chairman Ogurick stated he received the letter sent to Cheshire residents regarding the next round of *Solarize Cheshire* which begins on April 26, 2018. There was a brief discussion. Mr. White and Mr. Gancarz will attend the Solarize Cheshire kickoff workshop on Thursday.

- 3) Year 6 Small ZREC
Mr. Gancarz stated the Town applied for and received a small ZREC. The RFP has been issued and 7-8 vendors attended the site visit last week. The proposals are due on May 1, 2018.

PBC Projects

- 1) Norton Lavatories
There was no report on this matter. Chairman Ogurick noted the Energy Commission has received no plans or specifications for this project.

- 2) Doolittle Cafeteria
There was no report on this matter. Chairman Ogurick noted the Energy Commission has received no plans or specifications for this project.

3) New Roof at the Firehouse

There was no report on this matter. Chairman Ogurick noted the Energy Commission has received no plans or specifications for this project.

Chairman Ogurick stated he received a response from Mr. Nash, Chairman of the PBC. Mr. Gavin stated he will contact Mr. Nash to discuss collaboration for energy efficiencies on PBC projects.

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

The tree-trimming is on-going.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Gavin to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

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

Attest,

Karen M. Gill