

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 27, 2018
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
David Gavin
Walter Gayeski
Tim White
Stephanie Hickok
Carol Doheny

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Operations Manager/Town Engineer
Richard Clavet, CPS Facilities Manager
James Daylor, Ameresco

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Gavin to approve the minutes from the July 30, 2018 meeting, as amended.

SECONDED by Ms. Doheny and opened for discussion. The following corrections were noted:

1. Under Town-wide ESPC, Southern New England Electric should be corrected to SNE Building Systems, Inc. The last sentence should be corrected to state that updating equipment and adding economizers may help reduce usage in summer, not winter.

2. Under Dryer Duct Cleaning Program, Mr. Michalowski's motion should be amended to state the list of interested residents will be forwarded to an outside vendor.
3. Under LED stadium lighting, it should be noted there was a lengthy discussion about ways to garner community support for this project.
4. Potential Phase 2 of ESPC project should be deleted.
5. Under *Solarize Cheshire*, Chairman Ogurick requested the second to last sentence be amended to state Stephen Ushchak's inquiry, not email.

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 Savings Performance Contract) project-HVAC issues at Youth Center; insulation at Town Hall

Mr. Clavet stated the HVAC issues at the Youth Center are awaiting proposal from Ameresco for a new boiler. Mr. Clavet stated the insulation project at Town Hall has been completed.

- 2) Potential Phase 2 ESPC Project

Mr. Daylor stated it is not uncommon to create a scope for Phase 2 of an ESPC (Energy Savings Performance Contract). Mr. Daylor stated Ameresco could conduct due diligence and create an amendment to the existing contract for Phase 2. Chairman Ogurick stated while he invited Mr. Daylor tonight to discuss some of the new opportunities Phase 2 could present, there is no guarantee Ameresco would get the contract. Chairman Ogurick stated it is possible this project will go out to RFP. Mr. Daylor encouraged the Energy Commission to consider using the relationship and resources of Ameresco to create the scope and schematics for a possible Phase 2. There was a lengthy discussion about the prioritized list of projects that did not get done in Phase 1 and the process of getting approval to move forward with Phase 2.

- 3) Community Pool Energy Efficiency, status of Aegis cogeneration proposal

Mr. Gancarz stated this project has been put on the capital budget as a separate line item. There was a brief discussion.

- 4) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Mrs. Doheny stated she forwarded the list of interested residents to the outside vendor, Breath Easy We Care Duct Cleaning Services, LLC. This project can be removed from the agenda.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. White stated the agency responsible for giving out Energy Star ratings has been disbanded. There was a brief discussion.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the Editor

Mr. Michalowski shared three articles:

- a. One about Wallingford's solar installation on their landfill.
- b. One about the State's denial that it illegally took energy funds.
- c. One about electric cars.

- 2) Fall Festival

Mr. Gancarz stated the Energy Commission will be sharing a booth at the Fall Festival with the Environment Commission. There was a discussion about the theme of the booth and promotional items. The Energy Commission will present their accomplishments to date and engage resident for ideas about future projects that will benefit the community through energy efficiencies and savings. Ms. Doheny will order pinwheels as the promotional item.

- 3) Energy Achiever Awards

There was a brief discussion on this matter. Mr. Gancarz will ask the Town Manager about presentation of the 2018 Energy Achiever Awards.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) 100kW solar carport at the Police Station, Greenskies proposal

Mr. Gancarz stated the designer visited the site for this project and it is expected to be completed by April 2019.

- 2) *Solarize Cheshire*, program update

Mr. Gancarz stated as of August 13, 2018, the *Solarize Cheshire* campaign has generated 65 leads, 34 completed site visits and 10 signed contracts. The program deadline has been extended to September 30 2018.

E. PBC Projects

- 1) Exterior Storage Building at CHS

Mr. Clavet stated this project is in a holding pattern.

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

- 1) Richard Chevrolet solar panels and charging station

Mr. Michalowski stated he and Mr. White spoke with Jason Vianese from Richard Chevrolet about the possibility of an EVCS and/or solar installation at the dealership. After providing information and answering questions, this matter was left in the hands of Richard Chevrolet to pursue further.

2) National Drive Electric Week - September 8-16, 2018

Chairman Ogurick directed the Commissioners to a link with details for National Drive Electric Week. There was a brief discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

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

Attest,

Karen M. Gill