

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2019
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 November 26, 2018 meeting, as amended.

SECONDED by Mr. Gayeski and opened for discussion. The following corrections were noted:

1. Under Approval of Minutes the date should be corrected from 20018 to 2018.
2. Under Old Business, the title of topic A should be corrected to Energy Efficiency Projects.
3. Under Dodd and Doolittle gymnasium lighting the title should be corrected to read convert to LED.

4. The title of #5 should be corrected to read Bus Depot.
5. Under Benchmarking - Energy Star Portfolio Manager, it should be clarified that energy consumption is calculated by dividing square footage by BTUs.

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) Community Pool - CHP Project

Mr. Gancarz stated the concrete pad has been poured and the cogeneration unit is on site. The plans are being finalized with proposed modifications, including extending or relocating the exhaust and intake. A building permit is still needed. The target start-up date is April.

2) Dodd and Doolittle gymnasium lighting - convert to LED

Mr. Clavet stated the LEDs are done at Dodd and Doolittle. There have been a few complaints, but overall users are happy with the conversion. There was a brief discussion.

3) Bus Depot - LED exterior lighting

Mr. Clavet stated this project is in process and he is awaiting the plans for review. Dattco is making a \$150,000 investment and Mr. Clavet will participate in the oversight of this project.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz stated the Town did receive an Energy Star rating, but it was never certified by Eversource because the program was defunded. Mr. Gavin stated the data is more important than the

rating and can be useful in determining efficiencies and deficiencies for each Town building. There was a brief discussion.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the Editor

There were no news articles or letters to the editor.

2) Fall Festival

There was a discussion about whether the Energy Commission will participate in the Fall Festival this year.

3) Best Net Zero Houses - subcommittee report

Mr. Gayeski stated he is struggling with the approach to this project. After a brief discussion, Mr. Gayeski stated the subcommittee will develop a concept and report back at next month's meeting.

D. Clean Energy

1) Greenskies 100kW solar carport at the Police Station

Mr. Gancarz stated this project is scheduled to go before Planning and Zoning for approval next month. The design is 80% completed with a tentative completion date of Memorial Day.

2) *Solarize Cheshire*, program update

This program is completed. There was a brief discussion. This matter can be taken off of the agenda.

E. PBC Projects

1) Exterior Storage Building at CHS

Mr. Cavet stated concrete testing will be done in the spring.

2) Districtwide Roof Repairs

Mr. Clavet stated an additional \$250,000 has been allocated for districtwide roof repair and replacement. Some emergency repairs have already been completed at CHS and the roof on the east Gym will be replaced this summer. There was a brief discussion. Mr. Ogurick stated the Energy Commission is in favor of spending more money to add insulation.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1) Early Involvement of Eversource

There was a brief discussion on this matter.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

Mr. Gancarz stated the tree trimming will resume in March on a 2.7 mile stretch of road on and near Birch Drive.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1) Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

The gentleman expected to present tonight was unable to make it due to illness. There was a brief discussion about the benefits of rescheduling his attendance.

2) Election of Officers

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to add Election of Officers to the agenda.

SECONDED by Ms. Doheny and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

Mr. Michalowski nominated Mr. Ogurick to continue as Chairman.

MOTION by Mr. White for Mr. Ogurick to continue as Chairman of the Energy Commission for 2019.

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

Mr. Ogurick nominated Mr. Michalowski to continue as Vice Chairman.

MOTION by Mr. White for Mr. Michalowski to continue as Vice Chairman of the Energy Commission for 2019.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Doheny to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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

Attest,

Karen M. Gill