

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Ogurick.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Commissioners Present

Richard Ogurick

Walter Gayeski

Daniel Knudsen

Paul Michelowski

Don Nidoh

David Gavin

Staff Present

Richard Clavet Facilities
Manager, Cheshire Public
Schools

Commissioner Absent

Timothy White

A quorum was determined to be present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 26, 2019 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by David Gavin to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting

SECONDED by Don Nidoh and opened for discussion.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously 5-0.

V. COMMUNITCATIONS

No new communications.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Community Pool - HW control valve repair/replacement & CHP monitoring report

The control valve is still an open item. The heat pump is running 99% of the time. It is consuming 4 therms an hour of gas and delivering 1462 therms of heat energy which would bring the cost down to .15 plus delivery.

Residential rates are floating .25 through .28 which would figure to an approximate five year payback.

2. Bus Depot- energy efficiency opportunities for new trailer and equipment
Planning and Zoning approved the plan in early September. The next step is the submission of drawings and specifications. The CPS Facilities Manager specifically asked for heat pump system specifications. Trailer won't be done until April or May 2020.
3. Energy Solutions- LED lighting at CHS, opportunities at Dodd and Highland Schools

The CPS Facility Manager reported that these upgrades are almost 100 % completed at the high school. The pole lighting initially delivered was the wrong strength and the company resolved the issue quickly. Football field lighting capital has been approved. The lighting design is completed. Highland and Dodd schools will each have audits by starting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. Highland's failing fixtures were all opened and retrofitted for controls prior to installation which voided the warranties.

4. Parking lot lighting at Doolittle School

The pole lighting is complete at Doolittle and Dodd. New wall packs have also been completed. New step driver technology and sensors turn the lights on at dusk to 100 %. The lights dim down to 10% after five minutes of no motion. Norton is scheduled next for the upgrade.

5. Government Freezer at Highland School- heat recovery options

Town Council approved some additional funding. The CPS Facilities Manager and the CPS Food Services Manager are each contributing from their budgets to make up the difference needed. A contract is being worked on. Hopefully everything will be ironed out so construction can begin before weather prevents work.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager- status of database update

All meter numbers are still needed from Eversource & Yankee Gas. The Director of Finance is in the process of directing the collation of this information for the Commission.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. New articles and Letters to the editor

Michael Torelli has retired from the Cheshire Herald. He has been a helpful resource for the Energy Commission.

2. Fall Festival – review

Mr. Knudsen felt there was both a favorable and some knowledgeable response to the Community Choice Aggregation information. Approximately fifteen residents added their name to the signup sheet requesting more information. Some Town Councilors did stop by and recommend submitting for admission to the Town Council agenda so any recommendation that would come from Cheshire would make it to the State Legislature in time for the coming session. Mr. Nidoh reported that community response was favorable but rain shut down festival early.

3. Community Choice Aggregation - recommendation to Town Council

Mr. Knudsen requested a resolution from the Energy Commission to send him to the Town Council to explain the advantages of Community Choice Aggregation for the town.

MOTION by Mr. Michelowski that the Energy Commission recommends the Town Council place Community Choice Aggregation enabling legislation as an item on the State Legislative Agenda.

SECOND by Mr. Knudsen and opened for discussion.

Discussion:

Mr. Ogurick inquired what was the roadmap to State Legislative Agenda item. Mr. Gayeski advised using a Powerpoint presentation to clarify the benefits of CCA. Mr. Knudsen will contact each of the three councilors that visited the Energy Commission table and gave encouragement to clarify the process of being placed on the Town council agenda.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously 6-0.

D. Clean Energy

1. Greenskies 100 kW solar carport at Cheshire Police Station – status of project
Town Engineer sent a project update which stated that Construction fencing has been installed, structural steel and switch gear components have been delivered. Footings have been cored and the electrical contractor has terminated and removed existing lights and posts. Rebar cages for footings are the next step. When they have passed inspection, then concrete. Current and anticipated completion is November 6, 2019.
2. Solar Virtual Net Metering Project Opportunity- Verogy
They were looking for five services, CPS Facilities Manager provided the 3 top meters from Cheshire High School and one each from Highland and Dodd.
The current Constellation contract gives 7 cents per kW.

E. PBC Projects

Nothing new.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building project
Nothing new.

G. Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

Nothing new

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paul Michelowski to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

SECONDED by David Gavin

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously 6-0.

Attest

Michelle Anastasio clerk