

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Rich Ogurick, David Gavin, Paul Michalowski, Joseph Nesdale and Peter Takizawa

Commissioners Absent:

Walter Gayeski and Carol Wilson

Staff Present:

None

Others Present:

None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present for this meeting.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 29, 2011 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by Paul Michalowski to accept the August 29, 2011 Energy Commission regular meeting minutes with the corrections noted below. **SECONDED** by Joseph Nesdale.

Corrections to the August 29, 2011 Energy Commission minutes: Page 3, item A 4, should read, "...to review the project and advise the Town Council..."; Page 3 item B1, second sentence should read, "...Town Manager Milone asking for help in getting..."; Page 3, item C1, should read, "...Record Journal and article that talked..."; Page 5, item H, should read,

“The new Corps students...”; Page 5, item H 1a, should read, “...there will be an educational energy workshop for kids...” Page 5, item H 1d, should read, “Chairman Ogurick asked if Ms. Bergman...”

VOTE: In Favor – Gavin, Michalowski, Nesdale, Ogurick and Takizawa  
Opposed – none

The motion passes 5 – 0.

## **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to the Energy Commission.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Energy Management Projects**

- 1) Remaining Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) projects

As part of the grant rules, the EECBG grant of \$108,000 that was awarded to Cheshire needs to be spent by June 2012 and the Town has to “buy American”, if available, for all products related to the grant projects.

- a) Computer time management software – status

There was no update regarding the computer time management software available during this meeting of the Energy Commission. Chairman Ogurick stated that he would be contacting the Education Department for an update on this project

- 2) HES audits at Hitchcock-Phillips House, Lock 12 house - status

No update was available regarding signing up the Hitchcock Phillips House for a HES audit.

- 3) Exterior lighting improvements at police station, CHS and Highland School

No updated was available regarding the exterior lighting improvements at Cheshire Police Headquarters, Cheshire High School or Highland School.

## 4) Town-wide ESPC project – status

Chairman Ogurick stated that he met with the Town Council Planning Committee last week and sent his notes from the meeting to Commissioners. The Planning Committee should be recommending to the Town Council to go ahead with the town wide audit, at a cost of \$50,000. Chairman Ogurick expressed his concerns that some of the Councilors think that this is the extent of the project. Mr. Gavin commented that there may be some push back from some Town Councilors that do not fully understand the concept of performance contracting. Chairman Ogurick agreed that some of the Councilors don't appear to be totally comfortable with the concept.

Chairman Ogurick commented that he feels Celtic Energy should continue with this project for the Town. They will need to follow up with the audits, monitor and evaluate the recommended energy improvement projects and then oversee those project(s) progress. He questioned who, from the Town, would otherwise oversee these project(s).

Commissioner commended one of the newer Town Council members, Councilwoman Flynn-Harris, who appears to have done research on performance contracting. Chairman Ogurick commented that education of the Town Council is going to be the key to understanding this process.

## B. Benchmarking

## 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager-database maintenance; resource allocation

Chairman Ogurick stated that he had e-mailed Town Manager Milone today asking about the status of getting the Energy Star Portfolio Manager database updated on a regular basis, but did not receive a reply yet.

## C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

Chairman Ogurick commented that the Energy Commission web site needed to be updated, including referencing the new revised name for the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund.

## 1) News articles and letters to the editor

There were no new articles related to the Energy Commission discussed during this evenings meeting.

## 2) Fall Festival

There was no update available regarding any representation at the Fall Festival.

D. Clean Energy

The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund is now known as the Connecticut Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority, which is a result of the State restructuring implemented by Governor Malloy, effective July 1, 2011.

Chairman Ogurick provided an update of the energy generated at the Cheshire Public Library solar panels. To date 18,056.3 kWh have been generate, which is enough energy to run 139 computers for a year or to power 500 homes for one day.

- 1) 30% by 2015– status of Cheshire’s voluntary clean energy purchases

An update on Cheshire’s points in this program was not available. With regards to the 30% by 2015 goal, Chairman Ogurick stated that he thinks Chapman School is the only school currently signed up for clean energy.

E. PBC Projects

- 1.) CHS roof replacement – monitoring effect of white roofs; data loggers

Chairman Ogurick forwarded information about the HOBO Data Loggers, which had been suggested to use to track the Cheshire High School roof temperatures, to the Energy Commission members, Frank Biancur and Vince Masciani. It was noted that we don’t have the “before” measurements to compare to the “now” measurements. Commissioners suggested logging the temperature information below the white roof and comparing it to the temperatures below the black roof.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

- 1) Early involvement of CL & P and YGS in all upcoming energy projects – Energy Blueprint

There was no further discussion regarding having all Town projects reviewed by CL & P’s Energy Blueprint program other than for Chairman Ogurick to say that he still feels it is a good idea.

G. CL & P Energy Reliability Program

- 1.) Lewis Tree Service tree trimming project

Mr. Nesdale commented that CL & P does trim trees aggressively, but if they didn’t there would be far more electrical outages in Town, like there was about 10 – 15 years ago.

## H. Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge

There were no representative(s) for the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge at tonight's Energy Commission meeting therefore no updates were available.

### 1.) Personnel changes

No official update regarding the personnel changes for the Neighbor to Neighbor program was available.

### 2.) Strategic Outreach – update

No update available.

#### a) Home Energy Basics workshops

An educational energy workshop for kids is planned for October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Cheshire Public Library.

#### b) Cheshire Social Services – promote HES – IE audits

No update was available regarding making Home Energy Solution – Income Eligible audit mandatory for residents that receive energy assistance from the Town.

#### d) Goal: 300 new HES / HES-IE audits by 1/1/12

No updates were available regarding the number of HES and / or HES-IE audits.

### 3.) Leaderboard

No update available regarding the Leaderboard for the Neighbor to Neighbor program.

### 4.) Post – HES work (insulation, water heating, etc.) – “deeper energy savings”

There was nothing new to report on “deeper energy savings” at this month's Energy Commission meeting.

I. Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade – energy savings opportunities

There was nothing new reported on the design for the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade at the Water Pollution Control Authority. Chairman Ogurick noted that this project will be on the referendum in November.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Ogurick mentioned an e-mail he sent to the Energy Commission members regarding “methane harvest”. He stated that he will be sending a copy of the e-mail to Dennis Dievert and the Water Pollution Control Authority’s Chairman.

Chairman Ogurick shared information regarding a solar powered open house that is taking place in Enfield, CT on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the home of Steve Moriarty located at 24 Sidor Drive.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Dave Gavin to adjourn the Energy Commission meeting at 8:00 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Peter Takizawa.

VOTE: In Favor – Gavin, Michalowski, Nesdale, Ogurick and Takizawa  
Opposed – none

The motion passes 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski  
Recording Secretary