

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING
Monday June 29, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ogurick.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined to be present.

Commissioners Present

Richard Ogurick

David Gavin

Walter Gayeski

Don Nidoh

Daniel Knudsen

Staff Present

Anne McBain

Walter Gancarz departing Public
Works liason

Daniel Bombero incoming Public
Works liason

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 26, 2020 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by David Gavin to accept the minutes with the correction to attendance already posted at Town Clerk and revisions submitted June 11, 2020.

SECOND by Walter Gayeski and opened for discussion.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Don Nidoh forwarded Energy Star newsletter which had a scavenger hunt that seemed like a good idea for the Commission to participate in together. Mr. Nidoh requested access to the Portfolio Manager.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Community pool – CHP update; maintenance schedule

Mr. Bombero advised that the unit was never shut down on the advice of the company. Mr. Gancarz advised the annual maintenance time of 7500 hours was close so maintenance was done during the pandemic closure.

2. Bus Depot – – energy efficiency of new trailer and equipment

Richard Clavet was not in attendance. Walter Gayeski reported the old trailer is still on-site and he was not contacted to perform the blower door test free of charge but still would. Mr. Ogurick reported that Mr. Masciano expressed by email that the contract extension received from DATCO was very generous and that the request for energy efficiency modifications were not justified.

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3. Dodd & Highland Schools – status of the JK Energy Solutions energy analyses

Richard Clavet was not in attendance; nothing new.

4. Highland School – status of “Government Freezer” project

Richard Clavet was not in attendance; nothing new.

5. MaClary Athletic Complex – RFP for LED lighting

Richard Clavet was not in attendance; nothing new.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – status of UCONN database update

Mr. Gavin reported that in a memo to Professor Amy Thompson he requested a memo from her finalizing the findings of the Portfolio Manager update and analysis. Mr. Bombero advised Mr. Clavet and himself were in direct contact with the Professor. Mr. Ogurick requested Professor Thompson attend a meeting and if it were possible for the Energy Commissioners to have access to the Portfolio Manager. Mr. Gavin confirmed read only access is available. Daniel Bombero advised that the program is primarily automated but he would confirm with Eversource. Only consumable deliveries such as oil or water are variable. Mr. Gavin commended Mr. Gancarz and Mr. Bombero on a job well done on the Portfolio Manager.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Knudsen advised that CT Community Choice Aggregation advocate Peter Millman requested a study by PURA through Peoples’ Action for Clean Energy. A meeting is scheduled for July 14 at 10.

D. Clean Energy

1. Greenskies 100 kW solar carport at Cheshire Police Station — monitor performance at:

<http://s51582.mini.alsoenergy.com/Dashboard/2a5669734a66577a4941304b772b71513d>

Mr. Gancarz advised the production meter seems to be lagging and the inverters are not correlating closely. The carport is performing very closely to 100 kW. Mr. Gancarz advised approximately .11 cents per kWh was the cost at the carport.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Ogurick said the \$12.7 million capital budget did have energy projects that had not been reviewed by the Energy Commission. Mr. Gavin is concerned that the HVAC upgrades to the police station did not enumerate any energy efficiency deliverables.

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

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Richard Clavet was not in attendance; nothing new.

G. Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

Mr. Bombero believes Eversource is done.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Corrections to Town web page 8 – remove Michalowski, White; Agendas and Minutes – add Nidoh

Mr. Ogurick will notify Patty King by email the changes required to bring the website up to date.

MOTION by David Gavin to add the Bartlem Park Concession stand electricity usage to the agenda.

SECOND by Daniel Knudsen.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gavin advised the Energy Star Portfolio Manager showed the concession stand at Bartlem Park was averaging approximately \$3,500 per year. Mr. Bombero has reached out to Parks Department to determine if the garage is on the same meter. The stand has not been leased in a few years. Daniel Knudsen suggested if the concession stand was plumbed, it was likely heated. Mr. Gavin advised the building was built in 2013 and \$24,000 has been spent on electricity. Mr. Gavin reported a meter needs to be disconnected as a \$50 meter fee was being charged for an unused meter numbered 455470.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dan Knudsen.

SECOND by Don Nidoh.

VOTE The motion was passed unanimously.

ATTEST



Michelle Anastasio

