

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. 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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. February 24, 2020 – Regular Meeting

**MOTION** by Mr. Nidoh to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting, with the following corrections:

VI. A. 1. ... David Gavin ~~advised 100% reported that there is only one, but that appears acceptable,~~ air exchange per hour.

VI. A. 2. ... have ~~back~~ BACnet capability..... by the town's central building automation system.

VI. B. 1. ... Darcey are ~~all four star~~ Energy Star rated buildings.

VI. C. 2. ... but ~~Senator Norman Needleman...~~ slamming. ~~Katy Dikes~~ Katie Dykes, DEEP.... committed to ~~carbon zero~~ zero carbon grid by 2040.

VI. E. A few ~~Capitol~~ Capital budget

**SECOND** by Mr. Gayeski and opened for discussion.

**VOTE** The motion was passed unanimously.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Ogurick reported that Paul Michalowski passed away on Monday, May 4, 2020. Mr. Michalowski held the position of Vice-Chairman of the Energy Commission, and was an active contributor, especially in the monitoring of newspaper articles about energy issues, both in Cheshire and in our neighboring communities. His dedication to the commission's outreach objectives, especially the energy-themed science fairs at Norton School and the installation of the Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) at the Cheshire Big Y will be missed by all.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Community pool – CHP update; maintenance schedule

There was a discussion on whether or not the CHP unit at the Community Pool should be shut off while the pool is empty, because it is running at

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extremely low electrical loads, which reduces its efficiency, and there currently is no use for the recovered heat. It was decided that the Town Engineer would check into if it would be better to shut it down, which would extend the maintenance cycle. He will look to have annual maintenance done while the pool is drained.

2. Bus Depot – responses to comments on energy efficiency of new trailer and equipment

Mr. Gancarz expressed his disappointment that the energy efficiency recommendations proposed by the Energy Commission and by Mr. Clavet of the Education Department were not being incorporated into the design of the new DATTCO trailer/office at the bus depot.

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

No report due to Mr. Clavet's absence.

4. Highland School – status of "Government Freezer" project

No report due to Mr. Clavet's absence.

5. MaClary Athletic Complex – RFP for LED lighting

No report due to Mr. Clavet's absence.

6. Cheshire High School – potential CHP project

As reported at the last meeting, a CHP project at CHS does not appear to be feasible; the topic will be removed from the Energy commission agenda.

B. Benchmarking

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

Mr. Gavin reported that the project would be completed by the end of June.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

Nothing new.

2. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) – status at state level

Daniel Knudsen reported that State Senator Norman Needleman of Essex had introduced a bill to study CCA's, but COVID-19 concerns have put everything on hold for this session.

D. Clean Energy

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

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

Walter Gancarz reported that the carport has been generating at the rate of 98-99 kW (out of 100 kW).

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E. PBC Projects

Nothing new.

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

Nothing new.

G. Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

Trimming continues on Mountain Road.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Appointments to the Energy Commission

Mr. Ogurick has contacted both Republican and Democratic nominating committee chair-persons regarding the appointment of two commissioners to fill the vacancies by Mr. White and Mr. Michalowski. Anne McBain will follow up with Arnett Talbot on the committees' decision.

- B. Fairfield's Electric School Bus Initiative - plan includes solar canopies, integrated high power L2 EVSE chargers, and a proposed partnership with UI using bus batteries for grid storage

A representative from Fairfield made a presentation in February about the current solar projects in Fairfield. The bus depot in Fairfield will integrate solar canopies, chargers, and batteries for grid storage. The Town of Cheshire should investigate whether a similar initiative would make sense here.

- C. Election of new officer – Don Nidoh accepted the nomination (by Mr. Gayeski, seconded by Mr. Gavin) and unanimous appointment by the Energy Commission, to serve as Vice Chairman, taking over for Paul Michalowski

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Don Nidoh at 8 p.m.

**SECOND** by David Gavin.

**VOTE** The motion was passed unanimously.

ATTEST



Revised by  
Michelle Anastasio

