

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012
HIGHLAND SCHOOL, 490 HIGHLAND AVENUE

Commissioners Present:

Walt Gayeski, Dave Gavin, Carol Wilson, Paul Michelowski, Joe Nesdale

Commissioners Absent:

Rich Ogurick

Staff Present:

George Noewatne, Operations Manager of Public Works; Vincent Masciana, Director of Management Services (left at 8:25pm); Jim Daylor, Ameresco (left at 8:25pm), Shannon McAvoy of Clean Water Action, Joan Szechtman of 917 Ward Lane

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Gayeski called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. March 26, 2012 – Regular Meeting
- B. April 30, 2012 – Regular Meeting

The approval of minutes was tabled until next month.

V. Communications – there were no communications

VI. Old Business

A. Energy management projects

1. Remaining Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) projects – The thin client devices have been ordered and shipped.
2. Exterior lighting improvements – fixtures have arrived for the police station and library. 26 LED fixtures and 5 induction lighting fixtures need to be installed.
3. Townwide ESPC project – Jim Daylor from Ameresco stated they started in March. All schools and municipal facilities have been looked at and data has been gathered. He expects to be in a position to report back in the next week or so.
4. Community pool dehumidification – there was a suggestion to have Ameresco at the upcoming subcommittee meeting on June 6 to discuss solutions.
5. Energy audits – Boulder Knoll and Lock 12 have been done. Hitchcock Phillips house still needs to be done.

6. Redwood lighting system – A demonstration of the system was conducted prior to the meeting. This is a pilot program and the BOE will be monitoring the system and making a recommendation to expand it if it is successful.
- B. Benchmarking
 1. Energy Star portfolio manager – Ameresco is taking care of this and will advise.
 - C. Public Education/Outreach
 1. News articles and letters to the editor - Paul passed out article about how energy audits can save homeowners money. Second article passed out about energy efficiency fund offers incentives regarding installation of new central air systems through CL&P
 - D. Clean Energy
 1. 30% by 2015 – no status update
 2. Clean energy communities South Central Regional workshop Jun 6, 2012 Hamden – discussion of who from the energy commission would be able to go to meeting
 - E. PBC Projects
 1. Roof at police station – went out for bid and bids are being analyzed by the PBC.
 2. Roof at PW Garage – designed but won't be bid until capital funding is available, later this summer
 - F. Grants Rebates Utility programs
 1. Early involvement of CL&P and YGS in town building projects – noted
 - G. CL&P energy reliability program – no status update
 - H. Neighbor to Neighbor Energy challenge
 1. Personnel organization
 2. Strategic outreach
 - a. Home energy basics -
 - b. Give HES – Sally Bowman has 30 certificates circulating and CT Prudential Realty will be kicking off a program for a selling and buying strategy.
 - c. Cheshire Social Services – no update
 - d. Oil & Propane customers – deadline of 6/21 – people will be going to Hartford on June 12 to advocate for oil funding to continue
 - e. Lighting program – ending in June
 - f. Neighborhood canvases – are continuing
 3. Goals
 - a. New audits – goal for quarter is 85, currently at 39 – lighting goal of 20, but currently have 7. Completion rate is 71%
 - b. Post HES work –

4. Score

a. Leaderboard

New community group reward program – changed to cash incentive

VII. New Business

Mr. Ogurick sent out an item regarding solar – stating that 4 cities or towns from CT will be chosen to participate in first pilot. Carol proposed that Cheshire participate.

Discussion regarding new person for neighbor to neighbor energy challenge. Intern??

Motion to adjourn by Carol Wilson. Motion seconded by Paul Michelowski. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted:

Stephanie Dunn
Recording Secretary