

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.  
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
ROOM 210**

Commissioners Present:

Walter Gayeski, Andy Maye, Phil Newton and Carol Wilson

Commissioners Absent:

Chairman Rich Ogurick, David Gavin and Joseph Nesdale

Staff Present:

George Noewatne, Director of Public Works

Others Present:

Joan Szechtman of 917 Ward Lane and Scott Sokolik of 58 Dundee Drive

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Gayeski called the meeting to order at 7:06 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. February 25, 2013 – Regular Meeting

A vote on the approval of the February 25<sup>th</sup> Energy Commission regular meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

## V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Energy Commission.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Energy Management Projects

#### 1) Town-wide ESPC project – Status

Mr. Noewatne reported that Cheshire recently selected an Owner's Representative for the ESPC project. The Town Attorney is reviewing the contract and then it will go back to the Committee for approval and then to the Town Council for their approval, hopefully in April or May.

#### 2) Community Pool – energy efficient enclosure

Commissioners agreed that the Town Council has a lot to consider for the future of the Cheshire Community Pool now that the bubble enclosure has collapsed again under the weight of a heavy snow. Mr. Noewatne commented that the Town Council might ask for input from the Energy Commission when they start talking about their options.

Ms. Wilson commented that the bubble enclosure has never been a good economic choice and she noted that the plans for the Cheshire Community Pool were never brought to the Energy Commission for review, as required for Town projects by the Town's Charter.

### B. Benchmarking

#### 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager-database to be updated by Ameresco

Ms. Wilson asked about reviewing the current data in the Energy Star Portfolio Manager database for Cheshire. Mr. Noewatne stated that he would get the login and password information for the program to anyone that was interested in looking of the information. He noted that he was not sure how far Ameresco has gotten in entering the data.

### C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Maye stated that he would keep a look out for energy related articles that the Commission might find interesting.

#### D. Clean Energy

- 1) 30% by 2018

Commissioners are not sure of the former 20% by 2010 program or what the terms of the newly revised program are. Ms. Wilson noted that she did not think that any Town buildings have been added for the purchase of clean energy in the last few years.

#### E. PBC Projects

- 1) Roof at PW Garage - status

The Public Works garage roof project is currently out to bid and due back later this week.

- 2) Locker room upgrades

Mr. Noewatne noted that the Town Council has delayed any Cheshire High School boys' locker room upgrades or new facility plans. The Town Council stated that mostly cosmetic repairs are needed in the current boys locker room. It was noted that the Board of Education would like to build a new, separate locker room facility.

#### F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

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

There was nothing new to report on CL & P and Yankee Gas' Energy Blueprint programs; Commissioners agree that this program at CL & P should review all Town projects. It was noted that the Energy Blueprint program might be available for commercial customers and their projects.

- 2) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) - update

Mr. Noewatne stated that Mr. Sitko, Economic Development Coordinator for Cheshire was working on this program. Mr. Noewatne noted that he believed the program was in the works but not sure of the exact status.

#### G. CL & P Energy Reliability Program

CL & P's tree trimming work continues around Town as part of their Energy Reliability Program.

#### H. Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge

##### 1) Personnel / Organization

There was no update available on the personnel of the Neighbor to Neighbor program. It is believed that the program ends on April 30, 2013.

##### 2) Strategic Outreach

###### a) Cheshire Social Services – HES-IE audits

No update was available at this meeting of the Energy Commission.

###### b) Residential outreach sub-committee - status

No update was available at this meeting of the Energy Commission.

##### 3) Goal

###### a) Help 1,000 Cheshire households reduce their energy consumption 20% by April 2013

No update was available at this meeting of the Energy Commission.

##### 4) Redeeming N2N Points – Cheshire has \$9,553 redeemable dollars as of the end of December

Ms. Wilson encouraged Commissioners to take a look at the Neighbor to Neighbor catalog online of options to spend Cheshire's redeemable dollars.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PZC decennial review of Cheshire's Plan of Conservation and Development – include some wording such as “Cheshire encourages developers to consider alternative / onsite / distributed energy for their new construction.”

Commissioners agreed that they would need more information on the Plan of Conservation and Development for Cheshire before finalizing wording suggestions for the Plan.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Carol Wilson to adjourn the Energy Commission meeting at 7:52 p.m.;  
**SECONDED** by Phil Newton.

**VOTE:** In Favor – Gayeski, Maye, Newton and Wilson  
Opposed – none

The motion passes 4– 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski

Recording Secretary