

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2015
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
Walter Gayeski
Phil Newton

Commissioners Absent: David Gavin
Carol Wilson

Others Present: Tim White
Walter Gancarz

Others Absent: Peter Talbot, Town Council

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined for this meeting.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Ogurick noted a few “housekeeping” issues on the minutes from the August 31, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Michalowski to approve the August 31, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Newton and passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

- 1) Town-wide ESPC (Energy Saving Performance Contract) project

Mr. Gancarz reported this project is about 96% complete. Mr. Gancarz reported a meeting was held to discuss supplemental projects. A prioritized list will be presented to the Town Council at next month's meeting. There was brief discussion.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gancarz reported construction on the community pool has begun and the current expected completion date for this project is the end of December.

- 3) LED streetlights

Mr. Gancarz reported he received the new buyout number from Eversource which came in slightly higher. Mr. Gancarz submitted the report to the Town Council at the September meeting. The Town has 90 days from September 1st to decide whether or not to buy out the streetlights. Mr. Gancarz hopes for a vote by the Town Council on this matter at their October meeting. There was a brief discussion.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Mr. Gancarz reported he met with Mike Manzi from Eversource and learned more about using the Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Mr. Gancarz reported the system worked well, although it can be quirky.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) Fall Festival - Mr. Gayeski reported the lightbulb giveaway at the Fall Festival was a success. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of issuing a “post-event” press release tying the lightbulb giveaway to the Energy Commission and detailing how the Town earned the grants to buy the lightbulbs.
- 2) Mr. Michalowski reported he is in contact with Norton School regarding this year’s program for Energy Awareness month in October.
- 3) Energy Awareness Month (October) – There was a brief discussion about possible candidates for the 2015 Energy Achiever Awards.

*Motion by Mr. Michalowski for the Energy Commission to approve the recipients identified to receive the 2015 Energy Achiever awards.
Seconded by Mr. Newton and passed unanimously.*

D. Clean Energy

- 1) Solar on town-owned landfill

Mr. Gancarz reported there is a stalemate on the virtual net metering. There is a meeting on October 11th with the municipalities and the State legislature to discuss this matter. Mr. Gancarz reported if virtual net metering is not available, this matter will be brought back to the Town Council for a different discussion.

- 2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings

There was a brief discussion about other possible locations for solar on Town-operated buildings. Mr. White suggested the concession stand at Bartlem Park. Mr. Gancarz said he will find out the consumption at the Yellow House and report back at the next month’s meeting.

E. PBC Projects

There was nothing to report on this project.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

Mr. Gancarz reported tree trimming has begun on Mountain Road, Peck Lane, South Brooksvale Road and Bethany Mountain Road.

H. Microgrid Grant and Loan Program

There was nothing new to report on this matter.

I. Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS)

Mr. Newton reported he spoke with Wendy Stevens, the Director of the YMCA regarding the possibility of an EVCS at the YMCA. After a brief discussion, Mr. Newton agreed to contact Wendy Stevens again to set up a meeting with the landlord.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about the New Business items on the Agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 by Mr. Michalowski. Seconded by Mr. Newton and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill