

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 2016
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Walter Gayeski
Paul Michalowski
Rob Brucato
David Gavin
Marty Cobern

Commissioners Absent: Phil Newton

Others Present: Tim White

Others Absent: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Peter Talbot, Town Council

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

*Motion by Mr. Cobern to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2016 meeting.
Seconded by Mr. Michalowski and opened for discussion. Corrections were
noted and the motion passed unanimously.*

- 1) The word “draft” should be omitted from the heading of the minutes.
- 2) Under Commissioners Absent, the names of Tim White, Walter Gancarz and Peter Talbot should be listed under Others Present.

- 3) Under Approval of Minutes, it should state that Mr. Michalowski amended to minutes to note that Chairman Ogurick can not make a motion, he can only call for a motion to made.
- 4) Under Dryer duct cleaning program, the spelling of Allie Jackman should be corrected to Ali Jackman and should state she is from Eversource. The last sentence should state “it promotes **both** safety and efficiency.”
- 5) Under Solar on town landfill, Bill #394 should correctly be referred to as “Substitute Bill SB #394.”
- 6) Under New Business, the spelling of Mr. Cobern’s name should be corrected from “Corben.”
- 7) Under Adjournment, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gavin, not Chairman Ogurick, seconded by Mr. Newton and passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Energy Commission.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

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

In Mr. Gancarz’s absence, Chairman Ogurick reported the discussion about supplemental projects is on-going. There was brief discussion.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

There was no formal report due to a lack of comparative data on energy efficiency. Mr. Gavin stated he proposed the use of a monomolecular filming liquid to reduce water evaporation at the pool. Mr. Gavin stated there’s limited research, but the use of this liquid film could potentially offer monetary savings, as well as environmental improvements for the pool. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Gavin stated he needs to do more work on this, but thinks it has interesting possibilities.

- 3) LED streetlights

In Mr. Gancarz's absence, Chairman Ogurick reported that 200 of the new lamps have been installed and the target completion date is in June. Mr. Michalowski stated the street lamps being installed have seven prongs, which allows the fixtures to be retrofit for wi-fi capability in the future.

4) Dryer duct cleaning program

Mr. Brucato stated he has been working with Ali Jackman at Eversource to create an event promoting dryer duct cleaning. Mr. Brucato stated the current idea is to send a mailing to Cheshire residents with a coupon for dollars off a dryer duct cleaning with a requirement for the resident to sign up for an HES audit. Mr. Gavin stated he would like to uncouple the dryer duct cleaning and the HES audit. There was a discussion about how and when to market this program. All of the Commissioners agreed this program has value and should be implemented independent of an HES audit. Mr. Brucato will continue his discussion with Ali Jackman.

5) Concession stand renovations - energy efficiency measures

Chairman Ogurick reported he sent an email to the subcommittee on the concession stand project and was told a meeting is being held this week with Silver Petrucelli. Once it is complete, the preliminary design will be sent to the Energy Commission for energy efficiency considerations.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

In Mr. Gancarz's absence, Chairman Ogurick stated an update is expected next month when the summer intern arrives.

2) Automated Energy Usage Downloads

There was nothing to report on this matter.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

News articles and letters to the Editor

Mr. Michalowski reported no articles or letters to the editor.

1) Energy Achiever Awards presentation

Mr. Cobern reported this matter is moving forward slowly and an appropriate strategy is being developed.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill

In Mr. Gancarz's absence, Chairman Ogurick stated Substitute Bill SB#394 may be acted on by the State Senate as early as tomorrow. Mr. Cobern confirmed that Substitute Bill SB#394 may be approved soon and quickly.

2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings

In Mr. Gancarz's absence, Chairman Ogurick reported there are currently no solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings. There was a brief discussion.

3) EVCS at Big Y

Mr. Michalowski reported the construction of two EVCS ports at Big Y is proceeding. The expected completion date is June 30, 2016. There was a brief discussion.

E. PBC Projects

There was nothing to report on PBC projects.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1) Early Involvement of Eversource in all Town building projects

Chairman Ogurick reported the only current project is the concession stand and the Energy Commission is awaiting a preliminary design for review.

2) Bright Idea Grants

There was nothing to report on this matter.

3) \$14,000 balance on the Renewable Energy track of Clean Energy Communities program

There was a discussion about ideas for using the \$14,000 balance. Chairman Ogurick suggested a member of the Energy Commission attend the next subcommittee committee meeting to discuss the possibility of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to use the \$14,000 for energy efficiency measures at the concession stand. Mr. Brucato will attend that meeting.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

In Mr. Gancarz's absence, Chairman Ogurick reported there is heavy tree trimming work being done on West Main Street.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Gavin to add a new business item on behalf of Mr. Cobern to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Brucato and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cobern stated he will be presenting a talk on Physics, Petroleum & Pricing on September 30, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on the UConn Waterbury campus.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Michalowski at 8:43 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Cobern and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill