

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 23, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall**

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

Commissioners Absent: Phil Newton  
Rob Brucato

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer  
Tim White (7:49 p.m.)

Others Absent: Peter Talbot, Town Council

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 April 25, 2016 meeting.  
Seconded by Mr. Michalowski 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  
Mr. Gancarz reported there has been no action taken by the Town Council on the proposed supplemental projects. There was a brief discussion.

Chairman Ogurick reported he spoke with Vince Crimi of Ameresco and they are in the measurement and verification phase of the project and a further report is expected.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gancarz reported he has been receiving meter readings on the gas and electric from the Community Pool, but has nothing to compare them to at this point. Mr. Gavin stated at least a full year of operation is needed in order to do a realistic comparison of data and savings.

There was a brief discussion about the possible use of a monomolecular filming liquid to reduce water evaporation at the pool.

3) LED streetlights

Mr. Gancarz reported 833 out of 1772 new lamps have been installed. Mr. Gancarz stated on average 40-45 new lamps are being installed per day and the target completion date is approximately 6 weeks. There was a brief discussion about calculating the savings from the buyout and installation of the new lamps versus the cost of maintenance. Mr. Gancarz stated the feedback from the public has been positive.

4) Dryer duct cleaning program

In Mr. Brucato's absence, Chairman Ogurick reported the First Congregational Church was not in favor of a booth at the Strawberry Festival promoting the dryer duct cleaning. Ali Jackman from Eversource recommended the dryer duct cleaning be postponed until the Fall Festival. Chairman Ogurick reported Mr. Brucato reached out to Donn Youngquist at the Fire Department who was very responsive to the idea of partnering with the Energy Commission for a booth at the Fall Festival.

5) Concession stand renovations - energy efficiency measures

In Mr. Brucato's absence, Chairman Ogurick reported Mr. Brucato attended the May 17, 2016 meeting on the concession stand with the subcommittee for this project and Silver Petrucelli. The architect agreed to rotate the building 45° for better sun. Councilman Oris was interested in getting more information about solar possibilities. It was recommended that Councilman Oris speak with Tim White. The concession stand subcommittee expressed interest in using grant money from the Energy Commission for insulation "not in the plan." There was a brief discussion on whether it was additional insulation or the plan was designed without insulation at all. Other energy efficiency measures discussed were LED lighting, low flow toilets, motion switches for the bathroom lights and upgrading to gas heat. Chairman Ogurick stated Mr. Brucato's presence at the meeting was much appreciated by the subcommittee. There was a discussion about the importance of the early involvement of Eversource on all town building projects for energy efficiency considerations. Chairman Ogurick stated he will contact Sheila Smith at Eversource about reviewing the design plan for this project.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz reported the summer intern has arrived and is working on the data entry. Mr. Gancarz expects to have a report for next month's meeting.

2) Automated Energy Usage Downloads  
There was nothing to report on this matter.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the Editor  
Mr. Michalowski had no articles or letters to the editor to report.

2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation  
There was a brief discussion about the presentation of this year's award. Mr. Cobern offered to get in touch with Barker to get the plaque designed and completed.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill  
Mr. Gancarz reported Substitute Bill SB#394 was passed by the Senate. Mr. Cobern will verify that Governor Malloy has signed it. Mr. Gancarz stated the local and DEEP permits are ready to go and the interconnection agreement has been signed. Eversource has done a "desktop analysis" and determined there's only enough capacity for 650,000kWH instead of 1,000,000kWH. Mr. Gancarz stated Solar City has signed an agreement for \$35,000.00 with Eversource for Eversource to conduct a full impact study. Eversource has 30 days to conduct the study and report back to Solar City. After receipt of the results of the full impact study, Solar City has a 20 day commentary period. Mr. Gancarz stated this will create a delay of a couple of months and hopes to have an update for next month's meeting.

2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings  
Mr. Gancarz stated the Water Pollution Control Plant is a good opportunity for solar on a Town-operated building. Mr. Gancarz reported that the the Water Pollution Control Plant received a Green Circle Sustainability Leader Award. There was a brief discussion.

3) EVCS at Big Y  
Mr. Michalowski reported there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the two EVCS ports at Big Y on June 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. There was a brief discussion.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Gancarz stated an RFP has been put out for a new air conditioning unit in the Mary Baldwin Room at the Cheshire Public Library.

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 he will contact Sheila Smith at Eversource about reviewing the design plan for this project.

2) Bright Idea Grants

There was a lengthy discussion about the parameters and possible uses for the remaining balance of the Bright Idea Grants.

3) \$13,500 balance on the Renewable Energy track of Clean Energy Communities program

Mr. Gancarz stated he will draft a Memorandum of Understanding to clarify the uses of the \$13,500 by the concession stand subcommittee for energy efficiency measures at the concession stand.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

There was nothing to report on this matter.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New EVCS

There was a lengthy discussion about the possible addition of another EVCS in Town when new funding is available.

B. Eversource Small ZREC update

Chairman Ogurick stated Eversource is looking for small ZREC projects. There was a brief discussion about other possibilities in Town.

C. EV Show at the Fall Festival

Mr. White stated he expects the booth at the Fall Festival to be similar to last year and is hoping to have a Chevy Bolt from Richard Chevrolet. There was a brief discussion.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cobern at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen M. Gill