

AGENDA
CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021, 7:00 PM
(Meeting Moved from November 29, 2021)
Via Zoom

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. I ♥ My Home – update
2. Year 5 Annual M&V Report
3. Cheshire Community Pool - annual cost-benefit report

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database input and maintenance
2. New municipal energy efficiency/cost savings opportunities

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

D. Clean Energy

1. Opportunities for additional solar car ports or PV arrays, charging stations
2. Feedback from Planning Committee on Solar MAP proposals
3. Residential Renewable Energy Solutions - new UI and Eversource incentive program:
<file:///C:/Users/rogurick/Downloads/Renewable%20Energy%20Solutions%20Webinar%20Final%2011.2.2021.pdf>

E. PBC Projects

1. Quinnipiac Park bathroom renovation project

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects
2. Spreadsheet of important dates – programs and grants

G. Energy Reliability Program

1. Update on tree trimming

H. Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire

1. Feedback to coalition

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting with Colliers on energy efficiency/sustainability in new schools

B. Energy Policy

C. Bartlem Park concession stand – energy waste

D. Energy Storage Solutions - new statewide incentive program; webinar on 12/9/21, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

E. Potential merger of Energy Commission and Environment Commission

F. Approve 2022 Meeting Dates

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2021-VIRTUAL ZOOM
MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Richard Ogurick (Chairman), Dan Knudsen (7:06 pm), Walter Gayeski, Ryan O'Grady, David Gavin, Chris Smith

Staff Present: Daniel Bombero

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 30, 2021- Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve the August 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Mr. Smith.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin.

VOTE unanimous.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications discussed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. I Heart My Home - update

Mr. Knudsen provided feedback on the Feasibility Fair. He reported that this was good event which was lightly attended. He discussed the I Heart My Home program and energy audits with a dozen or so people and commented that some people did not want to compromise the authenticity of their historic homes for increased energy efficiency. Next year he believes the fair will be more well

attended. Mr. Ogurick agreed to send out a request to the Statewide task force/ Google group and poll other Towns on successful methods they have used to increase people's awareness of the Energy Commission in their towns.

2. Year 5 Annual M & V Report

Mr. Bombero reported that the group had received a copy of the report from Mr. Ogurick and if the Commission members have any questions or comments about the contents of the report, the Town would review their inquiries and follow up with them.

3. CHP system at Cheshire Community Pool - Aegis reports

Mr. Bombero summarized the Aegis report for the Commission. Mr. Bombero spoke with Sheila Adams regarding negative consumption in October and she explained that a circulator pump and UV system were replaced on the unit and now the system is up and running as expected. Mr. Gavin reported that he still has not received the report and Mr. Bombero agreed to forward it to him. Mr. Ogurick asked Mr. Gavin to complete an economic analysis report of yearly energy cost savings for the November meeting.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database maintenance

Mr. Bombero will forward Mr. Smith the additional data he needs to update the Portfolio Manager database. Once the input is complete, an excel spreadsheet will be created so the data can be analyzed, and energy efficiency ideas can be generated.

2. New municipal energy efficiency/cost savings opportunities.

The group discussed that once the data from the Energy Star Portfolio Manager database has been analyzed, the group can generate a list of potential energy savings opportunities such as the possibility of solar ground mounts. They discussed transportation alternatives such as swapping out gas buses and fleet vehicles for electric ones. The group also talked about the potential for additional charging stations within the Town.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

No news articles or letters to the editor were shared.

D. Clean Energy

1. Opportunities for additional solar car ports or PV Arrays

The group reiterated the high cost of constructing solar carports due to material costs. They discussed possible alternatives to steel supports for the solar carports which may be less expensive. Mr. Gayeski shared that the cost of all building materials has increased at this time, due to the pandemic.

2. Feedback from Planning Committee on the Solar MAP proposals not submitted in June

Mr. Ogurick explained that there will be opportunities in January 2022 for Solar MAP proposals. All submissions must take into consideration that it takes a month or more for Council to review and approve the proposals. Andrew Martelli is the new Economic Developer and grant writer for the Town of Cheshire. Once the commission decides on the grant, Mr. Martelli should be contacted. Mr. Ogurick will follow up with Emily Basham from Connecticut Green Bank and Councilman, Jim Jinks. Mr. Smith suggested putting important dates into a spreadsheet in order to track important deadlines.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Bombero reported that the HVAC and Locker Room Improvements project at the Police Department is in the demolition phase. He will send out the plans and specifications for the Quinnipiac Bathroom project, which involves renovating the existing bathroom facility at the park. The group discussed hiring a Clerk of the Works or an Owner's Representative to help manage construction projects. At the conclusion of the discussion, they agreed that the Energy Commission can make these recommendations to the Public Building Commission.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1. Early Involvement of Eversource in all Town building projects

There were no updates reported.

G. Energy Reliability Program

1. Update on tree trimming

Mr. Bombero reported that there have been no large impact storms lately and overgrowth is being taken down on Reservoir Road and Broad Swamp Road.

H. Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire

1. Feedback to coalition

There were no updates reported.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sustainability Fair 10/16/21 - recap

The Sustainability Fair recap was discussed under Item IV.A,1 on the agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Ogurick to add CT Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Webinar under "New Business."

SECONDED by Ryan O'Grady.

VOTE unanimous.

B. CT Residential Renewable Energy Solutions Webinar

Mr. Ogurick will send out a link for anyone interested in registering for a free webinar on November 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM. There will be another webinar called "Residential Renewable Energy Solutions" on January 1, 2022.

Mr. Smith asked if there was an existing commission Energy Plan in existence, which projects out a few years. Mr. Ogurick stated that an Energy Policy was sent to Town Manager, Michael Milone, several years ago and he would share that with Mr. Smith.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. O'Grady and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

ATTEST



Anne McBain, Acting Secretary



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ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting Dates - 2022

November 29, 2021

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Cheshire, Connecticut 06410

In accordance with Connecticut State Statute #75-342, the dates of the regular meetings of the Energy Commission were adopted at the meeting on November 29, 2021 and are listed below for the year 2022:

Monday, January 24, 2022
Monday, February 28, 2022
Monday, March 28, 2022
Monday, April 25, 2022
Monday, May 23, 2022 (Alternative to May 30, 2022)
Monday, June 27, 2022
Monday, July 25, 2022
Monday, August 29, 2022
Monday, September 26, 2022
Monday, October 24, 2022 (Alternative to October 31, 2022)
Monday, November 28, 2022
No December meeting
Monday, January 30, 2023

The Energy Commission meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in a location to be determined (TBD).

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Ogurick, Chairman
Energy Commission