

**AGENDA**  
**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Via Zoom**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. August 30, 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 - CHP reports from Aegis

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

E. PBC Projects

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

G. Energy Reliability Program

1. Update on tree trimming

H. Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire

1. Feedback to coalition

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Sustainability Fair 10/16/21 - recap

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 30, 2021-VIRTUAL ZOOM  
MEETING

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present.

**Commission Members Present:** Richard Ogurick (Chairman), Dan Knudsen, 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. June 28, 2021- Meeting Minutes**

B.2. Change "my" to "may"

C.2. Change Sustainable "CT" to Sustainable "Cheshire"

D.2. Clarify that the Energy Commission wanted to submit the application by the June 14<sup>th</sup> deadline and not the deadline to secure ZREC credits.

F.1. Change Eversource Energy Efficiency rebates to Energize CT rebates.

**MOTION** to approve the June 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Mr. Smith

**SECONDED** by Mr. O'Grady

**VOTE** unanimous

**B. July 26, 2021- Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve the July 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes by Mr. O'Grady.

**SECONDED** by Mr. Smith.

**VOTE** unanimous by all those present and voting.

## **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications discussed.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Energy Efficiency Projects**

#### **1. I Heart My Home - update**

Mr. Knudsen had no new updates to report. He commented that the program is operational and doing well.

#### **2. Year 5 Annual M & V Report**

Mr. Bombero reported that he will send the report out to the members of the Commission and Town personnel will be reviewing it.

#### **3. CHP system at Cheshire Community Pool - Aegis reports**

Mr. Bombero reported that he will provide an update at the next meeting. Mr. Gavin relayed how pleased he is with the efficiency of the pool with the new unit. A question was raised and discussed regarding who is responsible for monitoring the pool unit's efficiency.

### **B. Benchmarking**

#### **1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database maintenance**

Mr. Smith reports that he will be updating the database and he will email the group when the update is completed.

#### **2. New municipal energy efficiency/cost savings opportunities.**

Mr. Smith and Mr. Gavin agreed continue to look for additional municipal energy efficiency opportunities. Mr. Ogurick requested a list of the opportunities available and Mr. Gavin agreed to revisit the report.

### **C. Publicity/Education/Outreach**

#### **1. News articles and letters to the editor**

No news articles or letters to the editor were shared.

2. Cheshire Fall Festival- I heart my home /HES Audits, life cycle cost, net zero energy construction

Mr. Ogurick polled the group's interest in volunteering at the Fall Festival. He asked whether or not the Commission members would like to share space at a table with Sustainable Cheshire. The group discussed what information and handouts they may want to disseminate in order to raise awareness of residential and educational energy issues in Town. The group considered and discussed the following ideas: Net Zero energy homes, Net Zero energy schools, life cycle costs.

#### **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. The group discussed possible future projects including electric Town school buses and fleet vehicles and Mr. Bombero shared a Volkswagen grant opportunity with the group.

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

Mr. Ogurick agreed to reach out to Jim Jinks and Tim Slocum for feedback on potential MAP proposals and Net Zero schools. Mr. Gavin suggested that the members of the Commission have representation on some of the BOE committees.

3. Feedback on the two BOE ZREC proposals submitted in June auction

Mr. Bombero noted that the BOE received and accepted the two ZRECS which they had applied for, but due to high material costs, construction of the solar carports would not be feasible at the current time. Construction is slated for 2023.

#### **E. PBC Projects**

Mr. Bombero reported that the bids received for the Restroom Upgrades at Quinnipiac Park Project came in high. The PBC will bid Improvements to the Existing Lavatory at Quinnipiac Park project in 2021. Mr. Bombero shared that the mobilization and demolition date for the HVAC and Locker Room Improvements at the Police Department is scheduled for 9/20/21. Mr. Bombero will provide the plans and specifications to the group.

**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**

There were no updates reported.

**H. Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire**

**1. Feedback to coalition**

Mr. Ogurick clarified that Sustainable Cheshire achieved bronze status and not silver status as was previously reported.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. September Training Opportunities with Energy Star**

Mr. Ogurick shared an online training opportunity with the group.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gavin to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Knudsen and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**ATTEST**



Anne McBain, Acting Secretary