

**AGENDA
CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom**

(PER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 24, 2021 – Regular Meeting

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. MaClary Athletic Complex – status of LED lighting project
2. I ♥ My Home – update
3. Year 5 Annual M&V Inspection
4. Year 6 Q-1 Quarterly EMS Report
5. CHP system at Cheshire Community Pool – uptime; Aegis reports

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
2. Energy Fairs – consider at elementary school open houses

D. Clean Energy

1. Opportunities for additional solar car ports or PV arrays
2. Solar Marketplace Assistance Program (MAP) – update; ZREC successor program

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. Education Dept. designated representative to the Energy Commission

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2021 – VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined to be present.

Commission Members Present: Richard Ogurick (Chairman), Chris Smith, Dan Knudsen, David Gavin,

Staff Present: Daniel Bombero

Others Present: Allen Sabins, CSW Energy
Mackey Dykes, Connecticut Green Bank
Emily Basham, Connecticut Green Bank

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 26, 2021 – Meeting Minutes

Page 4, D2. Clarify that a “Letter of Intent” would not be a prerequisite to the site visits.

MOTION by Mr. Smith to approve the meeting minutes.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

None to report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. MaClary Athletic Complex – status of LED lighting project; cost/benefit summary

Mr. Ogurick read correspondence from Mr. Bombero reporting that there are no updates from last month's report.

2. HES program for residential buildings – articles in local media; end date

There were no updates to report.

3. My Home – update

Mr. Knudsen reported that the deadline for free home audits has ended and there is now a fee of \$50.00 associated with the program.

4. Year 5 Annual M & V Inspection, and Year 6 Q-1 Quarterly EMS Report

Chairman Ogurick relayed the following information from Mr. Bombero: "A virtual meeting was held with the Ameresco staff assigned to complete the annual inspections and reports. During the meeting, it was agreed that site visits would be scheduled and performed in preparation of these reports. The Town and school staff provided information on projects that have been undertaken since the last reporting period. The dates and times of the inspections have not been set. Updates will be provided to the Energy Commission as they are available." The group discussed why the operation of certain building systems may not be working as expected.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database maintenance

Chairman Ogurick reported that Mr. Romania resigned from the Commission and requested that another member volunteer to input the #2 heating oil information into the database. Mr. Smith shared his screen of the database and a discussion ensued about the actual data and information derived from the site.

2. Chris Smith – new municipal energy efficiency /cost savings opportunities.

Mr. Gavin expressed that if there are going to be cost savings opportunities in the Town, they will most likely be with the Board of Education. Mr. Ogurick agreed to contact the schools regarding any possible opportunities.

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 (discussed under item #2)**
- 2. Solar Marketplace Assistance Program (MAP) – update; LOI; ZREC; RFP**

Emily Basham and Mackey Dykes from Connecticut Green Bank and Allen Sabins from CSW Energy presented to the group. Mr. Sabins shared the project details (Slides 7 – 15 attached). They discussed the possibility of carports, ground mounts and/or roof top mounts being considered at the following Town buildings: Cheshire Town Hall, the Water Pollution Control Plant, Senior Center, and Fire Department. The group discussed that the current price of steel is decreasing the feasibility of solar carport projects. Ms. Basham shared the “next steps” with the group including a signed “Letter of Intent” from the Town, securing the ZREC credits from Eversource, putting out an RFP for solar contractors and executing the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Mr. Ogurick discussed adding a motion to the agenda to recommend that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to sign the non-binding Letter of Intent (LOI).

MOTION by Mr. Knudsen to recommend Town Council authorize allowing Town Manager, Sean Kimball, to sign a non-binding Letter of Intent with the Connecticut Green Bank.

SECONDED by Mr. Smith.

VOTE unanimous by all those present and voting.

Mr. Ogurick asked Ms. Basham if Connecticut Green Bank would make a presentation to Council, if requested, and she agreed. Ms. Basham stated that she would work with Mr. Bombero and Mr. Ogurick to get the LOI signed by the Town by June 14, 2021.

3. Response from Tim White on BOE’s decision to go down its own path for solar projects.

Mr. Ogurick shared an email response from Tim White regarding the Board of Education’s decision to “go down its own path for solar projects” and a discussion ensued. Mr. Smith proposed setting up a meeting to encourage a positive working relationship with the BOE relative to energy efficient projects and maximize the commission’s role as an “advisory” committee. Mr. Gavin concurred

that there needs to be a better working relationship with the BOA and that there may be several energy efficiency opportunities related to the school modernization initiative. Mr. Ogurick agreed to extend an invitation to Vin Masciana and Tim White to attend the June Meeting.

E. PBC Projects

There were no updates reported.

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

There were no updates reported.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ogurick shared that he sent a link to Commission members about a solar company information session being held on June 4th at 9:30 AM. He agreed to resend the link in case it had not been received previously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gavin, seconded by Mr. Smith and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

ATTEST


Anne McBain, Acting secretary

(attachments)