

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 26, 2017**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick  
Paul Michalowski  
David Gavin  
Rob Brucato  
Martin Cobern  
Tim White

Commissioners Absent: Walter Gayeski

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Operations Manager/Town Engineer  
Peter Talbot, Town Council  
Richard Clavet, BOE Manager of Buildings and Grounds  
Vincent Masciana, Board of Education

- 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. Gavin to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2017 meeting, as amended.

**SECONDED** by Mr. White and opened for discussion.

The following corrections were noted:

- 1) Walter Gancarz's title was corrected to Operations Manager/Town Engineer.
- 2) Under Town-wide ESPC Project, it should be noted the beginning balance of \$800,000 and ending balance \$500,000 of the rebate fund are approximate amounts as referenced in the Town Council meeting minutes of June 14, 2016.
- 3) Under Dryer Duct Cleaning Program it should be noted the remaining balance is from the Bright Idea Grant, some of which was used for the light bulb swap at the Fall Festival.
- 4) Under Solar on Town-owned Landfill, the second sentence should be clarified to say the direct trip transfer raises the price of the interconnection agreement/impact study and ultimately the kWh price. The last sentence of that same section should read "supervisor," not supervisors."

The motion was returned to a vote and passed unanimously with the noted corrections by all those present and voting.

## **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Ogurick stated Mr. Richard Clavet is the new Buildings and Grounds Manager for the Board of Education. Mr. Clavet introduced himself and his background to the members of the Energy Commission.

There were no other communications.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

Chairman Ogurick stated the M&V report has been delayed because a boiler efficiency test needs to be conducted and can not be run in the spring/summer. After a brief discussion, it was agreed the Town should accept the portion of the M&V report that is complete at this time and follow up in the fall/winter after the boiler efficiency testing has been completed.

As to the supplemental projects, Mr. Masciana stated the Town Council needs to release the funds. Mr. Clavet stated he is just digging into this project and may have more to report next month.

#### **2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency**

Mr. Gavin stated he sent a memo to Mark Nash, Chairman of the Public Building Commission a couple of months ago proposing other energy savings measures that can be taken at the Community Pool, including cogeneration. Mr. Gavin has not yet received a response from Mr. Nash. Mr. Gavin stated energy usage at the pool in 2012 compared to the energy usage in 2016 shows a savings of 25% on gas, 25% on electric and 44% in dollars. Mr. Gavin stated he would like to bring in companies to look at the system and assess the feasibility of cogeneration.

#### **3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program**

Mr. Brucato presented his draft letter to be sent to the residents who signed up for a dryer duct cleaning voucher at the Fall Festival. Mr. Brucato stated the Cheshire Fire Department and Energize CT are involved in this program. Mr. Brucato also stated the Cheshire Herald

and Record Journal will publicize this program. Mr. Cobern suggested posting this program on the Cheshire Community Forum on Facebook. Mr. Gancarz stated he received the check from Eversource in the amount of \$3,745.85.

**MOTION** by Mr. Cobern to send out the finalized version of the letter and vet companies to provide the dryer duct cleaning. **SECONDED** by Mr. Michalowski and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

4) Energy Storage

Mr. White stated he is still awaiting response from Tesla and he is eager to access the data sent to Tesla by Eversource.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz stated the automatic data transfer is up to date and is able to generate a lot of good information and data. Mr. Gancarz stated he will send the link to Mr. Clavet.

Chairman Ogurick asked Mr. Clavet if the BOE has set any energy savings/conservation goals as part of the Energy Savings Performance Contract. Mr. Clavet stated to his knowledge all schools have been outfitted with LED lighting and preventative maintenance goals are being focused on at this time. Mr. Gavin stated a goal to reduce energy consumption by 20% was previously set. Mr. Gancarz stated the deadline to achieve this goal is June 30, 2018.

2) Town Energy Use Graphs

Mr. Cobern stated the ESPM obviates the need for him to continue work on the spreadsheets and graphs.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the Editor

Mr. Michalowski shared two articles:

The first article reported that Tesla has unveiled a photovoltaic home roof tile.

The second article reported that solar parking canopies are being proposed for the Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester.

2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation

There was no discussion on this matter.

3) Energize Cheshire

Mr. White stated he would like to act as the face of a collaborative effort with Energize CT (Eversource) which uses “predictive analytics” for energy efficiency and upgrades. Mr. White stated he would like to pull data from the Town records to determine which homeowners would be good candidates.

**MOTION** by Mr. White for the Energy Commission to support the idea of him working with Energize CT to conduct predictive analytics as part of a targeted outreach effort for energy efficiency and upgrades. **SECONDED** by Mr. Brucato and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill

Mr. Gancarz stated the direct trip transfer issue from the impact study has been dropped. A check in the amount of \$131,560 has been sent from Eversource to SolarCity and the projected final in-service date is February 16, 2018.

2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings

Mr. White stated he spoke with Rob Oris about the possibility of small scale photovoltaic installations on Town-owned buildings. After a brief discussion, Mr. White stated he will continue researching this matter and report back at next month’s meeting.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Clavet stated many of the auto-flush valves are being replaced. Mr. Michalowski asked Mr. Talbot if the approximately \$400,000 appropriated for bathroom renovations is part of the Facility Master Plan or Capital Budget. Mr. Talbot stated it is part of the Capital Budget.

Mr. Gavin asked Mr. Clavet if the window replacements were double glazed. Mr. Clavet stated yes and this project is in the final phase of the three-year project. Mr. Clavet stated they are awaiting the delivery of windows and worked is expected to start the second week of July, approximately.

Mr. Clavet stated the concession stand project is awaiting completion of the punch list items which has been promised for June 30, 2017. Mr. Clavet was not confident that deadline would be met. Mr. Clavet stated a temporary CO

has been issued but no food facilities can be used at this time. Mr. Clavet stated it is the hope of the PBC that a CO will be issued in time for the Football Jamboree in July.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1) Early Involvement of Eversource

There was no discussion on this matter.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

There was no discussion on this matter.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Energy efficiency of proposed new middle school.

There was a brief discussion about energy efficiency and conservation at the proposed new middle school.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. White to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

**SECONDED** by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen M. Gill