

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2018
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
Tim White (7:20 p.m.)
David Gavin

Commissioners Absent: Walter Gayeski

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Operations Manager/Town Engineer
Carol Doheny

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 January 29, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED by Mr. Michalowski and opened for discussion.

Corrections were noted:

- 1) Under Section A1. Energy Efficiency Projects-Town-wide ESPC Projects - it should be noted the legacy systems that no longer cover the software affect the scheduled calendar settings AND impact energy savings.
- 2) Under section D1. Solar on Town Landfill, the second sentence should say “finalize” not “finalized.”
- 3) Under section D3. Solarize Cheshire, the last sentence should state the first Solarize Cheshire program directly “resulted in” not “resulting in.”
- 4) Under section D3. Solarize Cheshire, the word “the” should be removed from the motion made by Mr. Gavin.

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

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

In Mr. Clavet's absence, Mr. Gancarz stated the issues with the legacy systems at CHS have made progress, but are not resolved.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gavin stated he and Mr. Gancarz met with David Newman of ECG to begin drafting the RFP. Mr. Gancarz stated the RFP is expected to go out next week and the bids will be due in approximately 4-6 weeks.

- 3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Chairman Ogurick stated he has tried to contact Mr. Brucato about the status of his continued participation in this project, but has received no response to date. Ms. Doheny offered to contact Fire Marshal John Andrews regarding the CFD's interest in partnering with the Energy Commission on this program.

- 4) LED stadium lighting at CHS

There was no report on this matter.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

There was no report on this matter.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the Editor

Mr. Michalowski stated there were no news articles or letters to the editor for this month.

Mr. Michalowski stated he has been in touch with Lou Nero regarding a new Republican member for the Energy Commission.

Mr. Michalowski stated he is still trying to obtain utilization data for the EVCS at Big Y.

- 2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation

Mr. Gancarz stated he spoke with Jerry Sitko and Napoli and Whole Foods were recommended as recipients of the Energy Achiever Award. Mr. White recommended Paws Pet Resort. Bozzuto's was also mentioned as a potential candidate. Mr. Gancarz stated he will check with the Building Department and this matter will be revisited next month.

3) Energize Cheshire

Mr. White stated this matter can be removed from the agenda.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill

Mr. Gancarz stated the solar panels are installed and connected. A witness test will be conducted on March 7, 2018. Mr. Gancarz stated the panels are expected to go "live" on or about March 15, 2018. Mr. Gancarz stated there will be a Smart TV in the lobby of Town Hall which will deliver real time information from the solar field. This data will also be available online.

Mr. White stated the 6th year of the small ZREC will open soon. Mr. White stated the Police Department is interested in a carport and there may be a good solar opportunity at the Elmwood pump station. Chairman Ogurick stated there is a small ZREC webinar on March 1st from 9-11 a.m.

2) *Solarize Cheshire*

Mr. White stated he and Mr. Gavin had a meeting with Smart Power to discuss the possibility of "solarizing" Cheshire. The program matches pre-qualified installers with individual towns. There was a brief discussion.

E. PBC Projects

In Mr. Clavet's absence, Mr. Gancarz stated a few current projects of the PBC are the lavatories at Norton, the cafeteria at Doolittle, ADA compliance in some lavatories and a new roof at the firehouse.

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

Mr. Gancarz stated the tree-trimming is on-going.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments to the Energy Commission

There was a brief discussion about possible candidates. Mr. Gavin suggested posting something on Cheshire Community Forum to announce the Energy Commission is looking for new members.

B. Direct sales of EVs in Connecticut - petition

MOTION by Mr. White to recommend the Energy Commission sign the petition in support of direct sales of EVs in Connecticut.

SECONDED by Mr. Michalowski and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

C. 6.5 MW of Municipal Solar Power in Fairfield, CT - 21,000 solar panels on the rooftops and rounds of 23 municipal facilities. There was a brief discussion.

D. Election of Officers 2018

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to nominate Mr. Ogurick continue as Chairman of the Energy Commission.

SECONDED by Mr. White and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to nominate Mr. White as Vice Chair of the Energy Commission.

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. White to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

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

Attest,

Karen M. Gill