

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 30, 2018
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
David Gavin
Walter Gayeski
Tim White
Stephanie Hickok
Carol Doheny

Others Present: Richard Clavet, CPS Facilities Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined for this meeting.

Chairman Ogurick introduced Stephanie Hickok, the newest member of the Energy Commission. Mrs. Hickok has not been officially sworn in and will not vote tonight.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Gavin to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED by Ms. Doheny 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 Savings Performance Contract) project-HVAC issues at Youth Center; insulation at Town Hall

Mr. Clavet stated the software patch has improved performance, but Southern New England Electric has been hired to clean up cycle times and alarm messages. Mr. Clavet stated the amount of energy used at CHS and Dodd doubles in the winter. It is his belief that updating equipment and adding economizers may help reduce the winter usage.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency, status of Aegis cogeneration proposal

Mr. Gavin stated this project has been added to the 5-year capital budget plan. According to Mr. Gancarz, the Town Council will consider this project on August 9, 2018.

- 3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski for the Energy Commission to forward the list of interested residents to the vendor to pursue independently. This action is not an endorsement of the vendor by the Energy Commission.

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

- 4) New roof at the Fire Department

According to Mr. Gancarz, the contract for this project has been awarded to Gold Seal Roofing.

- 5) LED stadium lighting

Mr. Clavet stated this project has been added to the 5-year capital budget plan in the amount of \$135,000. The actual cost for this project is \$165,000.

- 6) Potential Phase 2 of ESPC project

There was a lengthy discussion about ways to garner community support for this project.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

There was no discussion on this matter.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

MOTION by Mr. White to add the Fall Festival to the agenda for discussion.

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

- 1) Fall Festival

There was a brief discussion of ways for the Energy Commission to participate in the Fall Festival. Mr. White stated he will email Mr. Gancarz about renting a booth.

- 2) News articles and letters to the Editor

Mr. Michalowski stated he read two interesting articles recently and apologized for not having time to make copies to share. The first article was about Wallingford converting some of its landfill to a solar farm. The second article was about the State legislature moving \$160 million from the Energy Fund to the General Operating Fund to balance the budget.

- 3) Energy Achiever Awards

There was no discussion on this matter.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) 100kW solar carport at the Police Station, Greenskies proposal

According to Mr. Gancarz, this project has been approved and is expected to be completed by April 2019.

2) *Solarize Cheshire*, program update

Ms. Doheny stated she will contact residents who have inquired about the *Solarize Cheshire* program. Mr. White stated he will respond to Mr. Stephen Ushchak's email. There was a brief discussion.

E. PBC Projects

1) Lavatories at Norton School

Mr. Clavet stated that according to the contractor, this project is on schedule to be completed on time.

2) Cafeteria at Doolittle School

Mr. Clavet stated this project is progressing and the materials are expected to be delivered on time.

3) Exterior Storage Building at CHS

Mr. Clavet stated there is a Planning and Zoning meeting tonight to discuss this project.

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

1) Clean Water Action letter

MOTION by Mr. White to add a letter from Clean Water Action for discussion

SECONDED by Ms. Doheny and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

Mr. White read pertinent parts of the Clean Water Action letter to the Commissioners. There was a lengthy discussion.

MOTION by Mr. White for the Energy Commission to endorse the letter as written by the Clean Water Action and add the Energy Commission as a signer.

SECONDED by Mr. Gayeski and passed 4-1-1, with an opposition by Mr. Michalowski and an abstention by Mr. Gavin.

2) Anti-idling campaign

There was a brief discussion about ways to bring awareness to this matter.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Gavin to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

SECONDED by Ms. Doheny and passed unanimously by all those present and voting.

Attest,

Karen M. Gill