

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 25, 2018
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
Carol Doheny
David Gavin
Tim White

Commissioners Absent: Walter Gayeski
Stephanie Hickok

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Operations Manager/Town Engineer
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.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED by Ms. Doheny and opened for discussion.

The following corrections were noted:

- 1) Under Approval of Minutes, 2) Section A. Dryer Duct Cleaning Program should be amended to read, "... **residents** who are interested ...".
- 2) Under Old Business, Section A. Energy Efficiency Projects, should be amended to read Energy **Savings** Performance Contract in two places.

- 3) Under Section D. Clean Energy should be amended to read, "...real time **data...**".
- 4) Under Section D. Clean Energy, 3)Year 6 Small ZREC, Chairman Ogurick requested the first sentence be corrected to state the Town received a contract under the small ZREC program.

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

MOTION by Mr. Gavin to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2018 meeting.

SECONDED by Mr. Michalowski and opened for discussion.

The following corrections were noted:

- 1) Under Approval of Minutes, it should be amended to read, "Due to the lack **of** quorum...".
- 2) Under Section A. 1)Town-wide ESPC, the first sentence of the second paragraph should be amended to read, "...about the **potential...**".
- 3) Under Section A. 4)LED stadium lighting at CHS, should be amended to read, "All **HID** lamps...".
- 4) Under Section B. 1)Energy Star Portfolio Manager, should be amended to read, "There was no report on this matter."
- 5) Under Section D.3)Year 6 Small ZREC, the third sentence should be amended to read, "There will be no cost to the Town to **build** the carport ...".

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Michalowski stated he received a personal communication from former Town Manager, Michael Milone wherein he praised the work of the Energy Commission and stated it is a great organization.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

- 1) Town-wide ESPC (Energy Savings Performance Contract) project-HVAC issues at Youth Center and Town Hall; incorporate LED stadium lighting into Phase 2?

Mr. Clavet stated possible funding options are currently being discussed, i.e., Eversource, Booster clubs. Chairman Ogurick inquired if it makes sense to consult with Ameresco to investigate the feasibility of extending the ESPC to Phase 2 to accomplish these projects. Mr. Gancarz stated he will distribute the original master list to the members of the Energy Commission for review and discussion at next month's meeting. Mr. Michalowski stated concerns about Ameresco's involvement being construed as a guarantee Ameresco will be granted the contract if Phase 2 is approved.

MOTION by Mr. Gavin for the Energy Commission to recommend the Town Council explore the feasibility of extending Phase 2 of the ESPC.

SECONDED by Mr. White and opened for discussion.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Gavin withdrew his motion.

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski that the Energy Commission recommend the Town Council approve an RFP be written for Phase 2 of the ESPC to seek additional energy savings and improvements to Town and school properties.

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

Mr. Gancarz stated he will discuss this matter with the new Town Manager and gather an accounting of the remaining balance from the Bright Idea Grants.

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

Mr. Gancarz stated the successful bidder will be reviewed by the full Town Council in mid-July and voted on in early August.

3) Dryer Duct Cleaning Program

Ms. Doheny stated no progress has been made on this matter. Ms. Doheny stated she has not received the list of interested residents or vouchers from Mr. Brucato. Mr. White stated the interested

residents signed up two years ago and he has concerns about this program being worthwhile after so much time. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided Ms. Doheny will contact Mr. Brucato and this matter will be revisited at next month's meeting.

4) Lavatories at Norton School

Mr. Clavet stated this project is on track with an accelerated schedule due to all of the snow days.

5) Cafeteria at Doolittle School

Mr. Clavet stated this project is on track with an accelerated schedule due to all of the snow days.

6) New Roof at Firehouse HQ

Mr. Gancarz stated this project is out to bid. There was a brief discussion about the materials to be used. Chairman Ogurick stated the Energy Commission did not review the plans and specifications for this project, despite the Energy Policy stating it should review all Town projects for potential energy efficiencies and savings.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

There was a brief discussion about the pros and cons of pursuing Energy Star ratings for all Cheshire buildings.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the Editor

There was no report on this matter.

2) Energy Achiever Awards - commercial nominations

There was a brief discussion about the possible recipients.

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to recommend an Energy Achiever Award be given to Bozzuto's and Pascarella's.

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

Mr. Gancarz stated he will work out the logistics for presenting the awards.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill, performance update, publicity

Mr. Gancarz stated after a difficult process, the actual credits are finally coming through. The Public Works garage had been paying approximately \$1,000 per month and received a bill today for - \$600.00. There was a brief discussion.

2) 100kW solar carport at the Police Station, Greenskies proposal

Mr. Gancarz stated the Town Council heard the proposal for this project and sent it to Planning. There is no Planning meeting currently scheduled. Mr. Gancarz will pursue this matter and report back at next month's meeting.

3) *Solarize Cheshire*, program update

Mr. Gancarz stated there is a workshop tomorrow night at the Cheshire Public Library regarding the *Solarize Cheshire* program. There was a brief discussion.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Clavet reported on the PBC projects under Section A. Energy Efficiency Projects.

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

The June 30, 2018 deadline for the tree-trimming to wrap up has been extended due to resources being pulled to Hamden for tornado clean-up.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. White stated Governor Malloy signed the SB 9 legislation, which will impact net metering in Connecticut. There was a brief discussion.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

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

Attest,

Karen M. Gill