

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 24, 2018

Regular Meeting

7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
David Gavin
Walter Gayeski
Carol Doheny

Commissioners Absent: Stephanie Hickok
Timothy White

Others Present: Walter Gancarz
Karen Gills

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 minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting, as amended.

SECONDED by Mr. Gavin and opened for discussion. The following corrections were noted:

1. Under Section A: Town-wide ESPC (Energy Savings Performance Contract) project-HVAC issues at Youth Center it should say Mr. Clavet stated the HVAC issues at the Youth Center are awaiting proposal from Ameresco for a new **furnace**.

2. Under Section B: Energy Star Portfolio Manager, the first sentence should be changed to say the **State** agency responsible for giving out Energy Star ratings has been disbanded. There are other methods for receiving an Energy Star rating.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Chairman Ogurick stated that the Energy Commission received an invitation for a reception to be held at the Cheshire Public Library on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Mary Baldwin Room. The new Library Director, Beth Crowley will be there, and the newly renovated lower level will be unveiled.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

- 1) There was a brief discussion about the proposal from Ameresco for a new furnace.
- 2) Potential Phase 2 ESPC Project

Chairman Ogurick stated he received a note from Jim Daylor of Ameresco stating that Phase 2 is unlikely given the small number of potential projects. Ameresco is going to survey the buildings and come back with a proposal.

- 3) Community Pool Energy Efficiency, status Aegis cogeneration proposal

Mr. Gancarz stated the Town Council approved cogeneration at the Community Pool in year one of the five-year capital budget plan.

B. Benchmarking

- 1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

There was a brief discussion about other methods to getting Energy Star ratings under the national program.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the Editor

There was no report on this matter.

2) Fall Festival

Chairman Ogurick stated the Energy Commission booth at the Fall Festival was a success. He recognized Carol Doheny for getting the pinwheels as a promotional item. Chairman Ogurick stated that there was not a lot of foot traffic to and from the booth, so he walked around and distributed the pinwheels to kids and handed the parents fliers of the Energy Commission achievements.

There was a discussion about ways to improve for next year. Chairman Ogurick will add this matter to the agenda as a standing item. Mr. Gancarz will speak with Jerry Sitko about the Energy Commission banner.

D. Clean Energy

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

Mr. Gancarz stated that a contract was signed last month. Site visits have already happened, and the design is in progress.

The design should be completed by the end of October 2018, construction will be started by the end of 2018, and design will be operational by April 2019.

2) Solarize Cheshire, program update

Mr. Gancarz stated that the programs runs until the end of September. Since the last meeting the campaign has generated 71 leads, 37 site visits, and 12 contracts signed.

E. PBC Project

1) Mr. Gancarz stated that under the five-year capital plan, year one education received \$100,000 which will be allocated towards building management system equipment replacement at Cheshire High School and in year two, another \$100,000 towards the stadium lighting.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

There was no discussion on this matter.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program -Tree Trimming

Mr. Gancarz stated that tree trimming will resume this Fall to complete a three-mile stretch of road by the end of 2018.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Gayeski to add new item under New Business item regarding a program recognizing “Best Net Zero” houses in Cheshire.

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

The topic was then opened for discussion.

1) Best Net Zero

A subcommittee was formed consisting of Carol Doheny, David Gavin, and Walter Gayeski. Members of the subcommittee will communicate on this matter to update this project at next month’s Energy Commission meeting. Chairman Ogurick will put it on the agenda as a standing item.

The Energy Commission appreciates the time, effort, and excellent recording secretarial services provided by Karen Gill. We wish you well in your new endeavors!

VIII. ADJORNMENT

MOTION by Chairman Orguick to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

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

Attest,

Molly Shampang