

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 26, 2018**

**7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Paul Michalowski – Acting Chairman  
David Gavin  
Carol Doheny  
Tim White

Others Present: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer  
Molly Shampang, Recording Secretary

Commissioners Absent: Rich Ogurick, Chairman  
Walter Gayeski  
Stephanie Hickok

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was determined at 7:13 P.M. when Mr. White arrived.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. White to approve the minutes from the October 29, 20018 meeting.

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

**V. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Mr. White stated Ned Lamont announced his transition team which consists of one Eversource chief legal counsel.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Energy Efficient Projects**

- 1) Town- wide ESPC (Energy Savings Performance Contract) project – new furnace at Youth Center

The new furnace was installed at the Cheshire Youth Center and was operational on October 16, 2018. It is controlled by the SNE Building Management System.

- 2) Potential Phase 2 of ESPC Project – Ameresco survey of buildings

No update on this matter.

- 3) Community Pool

Mr. Gancarz stated that they are trying to get a concrete pad installed sometime in the next two weeks. It should not be an issue but Planning and Zoning may need to approve.

- 4) Dodd and Doolittle gymnasium lighting – convert to LED

No update on this matter.

- 5) But Depot – LED exterior lighting

No update on this matter.

6) Year 1 Capital Plan – BMS improvements at CHS; LED stadium lighting

No update on this matter.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager – Energy Star rating for all Cheshire buildings

There was a brief discussion in which Mr. Gavin stated that buildings can determine Energy Star ratings by calculating square footage divided by energy consumption. Buildings can get a certification for an Energy Star rating by submitting their data to a professional licensed engineer.

C. Publicity/Education Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Michalowski presented two articles to the Energy Commission. In article one, titled “The Dirt on Clean Electric Vehicles”, Mr. Michalowski pointed out “By 2021, capacity will exist to build batteries for more than 10 million cars running on 60 kilowatt-hour packs...Most supply will come from places like China, Thailand, Germany and Poland that rely on nonrenewable sources like coal for electricity.”

In article two, titled “The electric car is coming of age, right when we need it”, Mr. Michalowski pointed out “...there are now an estimated 6,500 to 7,000 electric vehicles in the state.” Also, “...plug-in electrics have risen from just over 17,000 in 2011 to just under 200,000 in 2017...”

2) Energy Achiever Awards – presentations

Mr. Michalowski stated Bozzutos and Ralo Properties of CT, LLC were the recipients of the Energy Achiever Awards which were presented at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

3) Fall Festival

This will be kept on the agenda for later ideas and discussions.

#### D. Clean Energy

##### 1) 100 kW solar carport at Cheshire Police Station

Forty parking spaces behind the Cheshire Police Department are proposed which will be covered with a solar carport to protect vehicles from the weather. The Town Council approved a solar power and service agreement between Greenskies Renewable Energy LLC, and the town for the installation. This project is still under design and the estimated time of completion is anytime between April and Memorial Day of 2019.

##### 2) Solarize Cheshire

As of last month, there were a total of 72 leads, 38 site visits scheduled and completed, and 14 contracts signed. Ms. Doheny is one of the customers of the Solarize Cheshire project and she is very happy with the outcome.

Mr. Michalowksi spoke with a town resident who is also very pleased with their solar panels and gave the Energy Commission kudos.

#### E. PBC Projects

No update on this matter.

#### F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

There was no update on this matter.

#### G. Energy Reliability Program

The tree trimming is completed for the 2018 year.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** by Ms. Doheny to adapt the Energy Commission meeting dates for the 2019 year.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Gavin to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

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

Attest,

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Molly Shampang, Recording Secretary