

**MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019, 7:00 PM
ROOM 210, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Ogurick

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

Commissioners present:

Richard Ogurick, Chairman;
Walter Gayeski
Daniel Knudsen
Paul Michalowski
Don Nidoh

Staff Present:

Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Richard Clavet, Facilities Manager, Cheshire
Public Schools

Commissioners absent:

David Gavin
Timothy White

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 29, 2019 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Knudsen to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2019 regular meeting.

SECONDED by Mr. Nidoh and opened for discussion.

VOTE the motion was passed unanimously by all those present with the following corrections;

P1. David Gavin was present.

Mr. Michalowski has no "e" in his name.

Mr. Nidoh is not prospective, he has been sworn in.

MOTION by Mr. White regular meeting.*stop*

P2. "...project was on track.*stop*"

"...lighting and *the mechanical* insulation."

"Mr. Clavet explained the *refrigeration equipment* was..."

"...would make the *equipment* energy efficient."

"...the mechanical system is already in this fiscal budget. *redact* Between the budget..."

Mr. Michalowski has no "e" in his name.

P3. "...cost effectiveness of a solar *powered street light* system...."

"...Excel format that *he* would share..."

Mr. Michalowski has no "e" in his name.

P4. "Mrs. Doheny *resigned* and ..."

"...as to the necessity of the *size of the* freezer...."

P5. **VOTE** passed the motion with a tally of 3:1:1 with Mr. Gavin, Mr. Michalowski and Mr. White in favor, Mr. Ogurick opposed and Mr. Nidoh abstained.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

No new communications.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Community pool – status of CHP project

Mr. Gancarz advised the commission that the cogeneration unit should go live at the end of May. The mechanical permits have passed inspection by the building department. Electrical systems need minor work. Mr. Ogurick inquired whether the Aegis monitoring system would be available for viewing by the commission which Mr. Gancarz will check. The decibel level when running will be 80 dB at ten feet. The unit is enclosed.

2. Bus Depot – Dattco investment (new trailer and equipment)

Mr. Clavet advised that he had inquired of Dattco what environmental measures would be taken in the new facility and that anything going in be energy efficient.

3. Energy performance proposal for CHS - LED lighting, steam pipe insulation, refrigeration upgrades

Mr. Gancarz advised that the town attorney was currently working on paperwork for approved financing. Fixtures coming from overseas might be affected by increased tariffs.

4. "Government Freezer" at Highland School

The project is currently in design phase: specifically security hardware and controls for the automatic ice melt strips for the concrete dock. Mr. Ogurick inquired if the heat produced by the compressor could transfer back into the building. Mr. Clavet advised while he needed see numbers, the output was low. He advised the subzero freezer would be specified to last twenty years and would share them when available.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager - ENERGY STAR rating for all Cheshire buildings;

add several new meters for schools; database discrepancies

Mr. Nidoh inquired as to the access available to the ENERGY STAR portfolio manager. Mr. Clavet advised he used a different database of raw data only. He also promised a spreadsheet. Mr. Gayeski will be attending a training 5/21 for the portfolio manager program. Mr. Clavet advised that he was experimenting with the LED conversion at both Humiston and Board of Education buildings. He utilized half the wattage and various hued downlighting. He had also put out for quotes to replace induction lighting at both Doolittle and Norton. Mr. Ogurick cautioned to make sure wattage was checked to optimize efficiency. Each pole would have a photoelectric control as well as motion sensor.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Michalowski summarized "State budget battle rages" by Gregory B. Hladky which detailed the appropriation of \$280,000 from the Passport to Parks program to non-park purposes. A petition to

restore \$54 million to the energy conservation programs funded by surcharges on electrical bills was signed by over 2000 people in 116 Connecticut cities. Mr. Michalowski urges contacting local legislature to voice concerns of budgetary raiding.

2. Fall Festival – plans for 2019; theme, banner

The banner has not been located. Mr. Gancarz will obtain a price. Mr. Ogurick suggested updating last year's handout and obtaining pinwheels to give away again. Mr. Knudsen will work on packaging CCA for general consumption at the Festival. Mr. Michalowski suggested he summarize how a CCA would save a Cheshire resident money, not focus on what California was doing. Comparisons to communities in Massachusetts that were similar to Cheshire were encouraged.

3. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Mr. Knudsen stated the appropriation by the legislature would not happen if the community used CCA. Those funds generated by the energy bill surcharges would be controlled by the community instead of under legislative control. He pointed out Elin Swanson Katz of the Office of Consumer Counsel supports Community Choice Aggregation. Mr. Ogurick stated DEEP Commissioner Kate Dykes does not support them. He asked what portion of the population in CCA communities ended up using them. Mr. Knudsen advised that at the current communities were at approximately 90% participation. Ogurick asked if Cheshire could implement one by itself or if the CCA needed to be approved statewide. Mr. Knudsen advised that a bill would be ready for the 2020 session.

D. Clean Energy

1. Greenskies 100 kW solar carport at Cheshire Police Station — status of project

Mr. Gancarz advised that nothing had been found in any of the test digs. The new completion date was September 30, 2019. Mr. Ogurick inquired if any of the energy was going back into the grid. Mr. Gancarz advised all of it was going back into the Police Department. The project would qualify for medium ZREC.

E. PBC Projects

Mr. Michalowski congratulated Mr. Clavet on the PBC approving the proposal for the High School upgrades. The complete proposal then was passed by Town Council the following week specifically referencing both the PBC and Energy Commission approvals.

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

Nothing new to report.

G. Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

Mr. Gancarz advised that the tree trimming was being finished up.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Michalowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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

Attest



Michelle Anastasio

Clerk

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at 1:15 a.m. / p.m. and recorded by

Laura Brennan
Cheshire, CT Town Clerk