

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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

Daniel Knudsen

Paul Michalowski

Dan Nidoh

David Gavin

Timothy White

Commissioner Absent:

Walter Gayeski

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 20, 2019 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Paul Michalowski to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting.

SECONDED by Dan Nidoh and opened for discussion.

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

Page 2 VI.A.1. The unit is in a sound attenuating enclosure.

Page 2 VI.A.2. ...had inquired of Dattco what measures would be taken...

Page 2 VI.A.4. He advised the freezer would be specified to last twenty years and would share the *specifications* when available.

Page 3 VI.C.2. Mr. Knudsen will work on *literature* about Community Choice Aggregation for the Festival.

Page 3 VI.C.3. Mr. Knudsen stated the *raid of energy conservation funds* by the ...

V. COMMUNICATIONS

On June 23, 2019 *My Record Journal* reported the solar carport for the Cheshire Police Department was #5 on the "9 Things to Know this Week". The upcoming Energy Commission meeting was documented in the article also.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Community pool – status of CHP project; access to monitoring system

Work completed includes all insulation, mechanical, and electrical. Gas and electrical meters have been installed and the glycol feeder attached. The Building Department performed all final inspections with the unit under load on June 21, 2019 and the unit has been online since. As-built drawings are still required as is anti-rust painting of fittings and pipe. AEGIS will closely monitor production performance and equipment function for two weeks. The Town Engineer is researching how access to the monitoring system can be obtained for the Commission. Mr. Gavin noted energy consumption was elevated 25% in comparison to last year for the preceding week. While it could be weather related, is concerning.

2. Bus Depot – energy efficiency of new trailer and equipment
Nothing New.
3. Energy performance proposal for CHS - LED lighting, steam pipe insulation, refrigeration upgrades
Nothing New
4. “Government Freezer” at Highland School – heat recovery options
Nothing New

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager - database discrepancies; feedback on 5/21 training;
23 of 35 sites need updates for the meters; Dave Gavin to manage database

As Mr. Gayeski was absent, Mr. Gavin will follow up with him before the next meeting to gain access to the database.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Michalowski shared a short article on an anaerobic digester in Southington. Mr. Nidoh inquired as to how the digester food collection was accomplished. Mr. Knudsen advised it came from grocery stores and commercial waste.

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

Mr. Gavin suggested Chairman Ogurick pick a design from options supplied by Mr. Gancarz.

3. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) – status of program/materials for Fall Festival; Mr. Knudsen supplied a draft of literature and requested feedback from the Commission. Mr. Gavin said CCA confusing. Why use it? Mr. Knudsen explained the agency would shop for supply. Mr. Michalowski inquired how supply could be found more cheaply. Mr. Knudsen advised one point would be no shareholders to pay. Mr. Nidoh inquired as to why legislation is needed for CCA and Mr. Knudsen that opt out/in needed to be regulated for fairness.

interviews with Mike Torelli, Cheshire Herald; Chairman Ogurick had a ½ hour phone conversation with Mr. Torelli in which he advised him to talk to Mr. Knudsen about Community Choice Aggregation. They spoke about Mr. Knudsen working on a way to explain the system to the public at the Festival.

Dan Knudsen went to the newspaper to speak to Mr. Torelli. The interview was recorded. The spoke about how Mr. Knudsen became interested in CCA's and how the legislation would be needed and why residents should want CCA's.

Departure of Consumer Counsel Elin Swanson Katz: She has left to work on bringing 5G access to the general public statewide.

4. *Significant Energy Achievements* – updated handout for Fall Festival

Chairman Ogurick reiterated the need for pinwheels or some other childrens' giveaways to spark interest so parents might receive handouts and/or information at Festival.

D. Clean Energy

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

Footing design changed due to Geotechnical analysis. Final design completed. Cost increase for spread footing will be reflected in estimates due in coming weeks. Greenskies anticipates submission of plans and permit application to Building Department by the beginning of July.

E. PBC Projects

Nothing New

F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects

Nothing New

G. Energy Reliability Program – update on tree trimming

Mr. Michalowski brought an article speaking to the complaints regarding the clear cutting happening on Interstate 91. \$60 million dollars will be spent cutting down dead and dying trees. The Department of Transportation says 30' wide clear zones are required for safety on the medians but that had not been happening for many years due to budget constraints. 2011-2012 weather cause massive treefalls which are incredibly dangerous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new.

MOTION to adjourn by Timothy White.

SECONDED by Dan Knudsen and passed unanimously at 8:54pm

Attest



Michelle Anastasio

Clerk