

**AGENDA
CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021, 7:00 PM
Via Zoom**

(PER EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT)

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. January 25, 2021 – Regular Meeting
- V. COMMUNICATIONS**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Energy Efficiency Projects
 - 1. MaClary Athletic Complex – status of LED lighting project; cost/benefit summary
 - 2. HES program for residential buildings – articles in local media; end date
 - 3. I ♥ My Home – update
 - B. Benchmarking
 - 1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database input and maintenance
 - 2. Using Portfolio Manager as a guide to new energy projects
 - C. Publicity/Education/Outreach
 - 1. News articles and letters to the editor
 - D. Clean Energy
 - 1. Opportunities for additional solar car ports or PV arrays
 - E. PBC Projects
 - 1. Improvements to the existing locker rooms and the HVAC system at the Cheshire Police Station
 - F. Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs
 - 1. Early involvement of Eversource in all town building projects
 - G. Energy Reliability Program
 - 1. Update on tree trimming
 - H. Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire
 - 1. Feedback to coalition
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Solar Marketplace Assistance Program (MAP) Opportunity

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2021 – VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was determined to be present.

Commission Members Present: Richard Ogurick (Chairman), Walter Gayeski, Chris Smith, Dan Knudsen, Ryan O’Grady

Staff Present: Daniel Bombero

Guest: Ryan McGovern

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Ogurick introduced resident, Ryan McGovern to the Commission members. Mr. McGovern expressed his interest in renewable energy and shared that he currently employed by Tesla Energy. Mr. Ogurick stated that Mr. McGovern is more than welcome to participate in the monthly Energy Commission meetings.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Note the following corrections:

A. 1. Bus Depot Energy efficiency of new trailer and equipment-blower door test – add a hyphen after equipment.

A. 2. MaClary Athletic Complex – Change luminary to lumines.

A. 3. Updated HES program for residential buildings–press release–Replace “Facebook” with “Cheshire” when referring to the Forum.

MOTION by Mr. Smith to approve the meeting minutes.

SECONDED by Mr. O’Grady.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ogurick provided a brief overview of the two articles and the correspondence dated 1/6/21 from Fiona Pearson, representative from the Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire. Members agreed to collaborate with the group to help them achieve their goal of obtaining bronze or silver certification status for the Town. Mr. Knudsen added that once certification has been obtained, the Town will be eligible for matching grants.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1. Bus Depot – blower door test

Walter Gayeski reported that he performed the blower door test on the DATTCO trailer at the bus depot. The trailer is exempt from the commercial building code because it is considered a temporary structure. Mr. Gayeski found a major leak in the roof seam. His recommendation was to caulk the door frames and seam in the roof to make it more energy efficient. Mr. Bombero reported that Mr. Clavet will take the recommendations under advisement but was unsure of what could be done since the trailer is not owned by the Board of Education. Mr. Gayeski's memo regarding the results of the blower door test and suggested corrective measures will be sent to DATTCO. Mr. Ogurick asked if there were any other buildings in Town that could benefit from the same test and Mr. Gayeski stated that you will not know how leaky a building is until it has been tested and all buildings could benefit from this test. Mr. O'Grady suggested that older buildings in Town could be tested before newer ones as codes have changed over time.

2. MaClary Athletic Complex – status of LED lighting project; cost/benefit summary

Mr. Bombero reports that the ongoing project is 40 % complete and that two (2) poles have been retrofitted and completed to date. Weather dependent, the project will continue. Mr. Bombero obtained the following anticipated lighting measurements and energy savings information from the contractor, Energy Resources USA, LLC: Annual kWh Saved-20,150 kWh, Annual Energy Savings-\$2,873.34, Estimated Annual Maintenance Savings-\$3,500.00, and Total Annual Savings-\$6,373.34.

3. Updated HES program for residential buildings – articles in local media; end date

Mr. Knudsen reported that the HES program press release was sent to several papers and posted on the Cheshire Forum. He reported that eight (8) people signed up for the home energy audit online. Mr. Ogurick commented that he has seen the release in the newspaper more than once. Members agreed that the press release was a good avenue to inform residents of the program and they will continue to submit the press release to the papers and online since the program has been extended through the end of March and may continue beyond that time.

4. My Home – update

Mr. Knudsen reported that if a resident is considered income eligible and/or receives tax relief, they may qualify for free energy upgrades and incentives.

B. Benchmarking

1. Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database maintenance

Mr. Bombero will follow up with Professor Thompson regarding the template she agreed to provide the Energy Commission. Professor Thompson was unable to record the second training session for those members who could not attend. Mr. Bombero will connect with commission member, George Romania to assist him with the ability to input the oil and propane data into the system.

C. Publicity/Education/Outreach

1. News articles and letters to the editor

No information to report

D. Clean Energy

1. Opportunities for additional solar car ports or PV arrays

Mr. Ogurick stated that there were Zrec opportunities available on the Eversource website. Mr. Ogurick stated that the price for small Zrecs is \$93.18 per rec. Mr. Bombero will review the Eversource website. Mr. Bombero pointed out that the group may want to consider looking for opportunities for clean energy projects as part of the School Modernization project and the future development of the Chapman Property.

E. PBC Projects

1. Improvements to the existing locker rooms and the HVAC system at the Cheshire Police Department

Mr. Bombero reported that the design development phase of the project is near complete. Digital copies of the mechanical and electrical plans will be forwarded to the Energy Commission for their review and comments. Mr. Bombero invited members to reach out to the Public Building Commission Chair, Jim McKenney or attend subcommittee meetings if they want to have additional involvement in the project.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1. Early Involvement of Eversource in all Town building project

Members discussed early involvement in the School Modernization project. The commission members discussed that they would like to have the ability to review the drawings and specifications and be able to provide feedback to the SMZ Committee.

G. Energy Reliability Program – Update on tree trimming

Mr. Bombero reported that Eversource is not currently in Town and there are no new tree trimming updates to report.

H. Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire

1. Sustainable CT certification

2. Feedback to coalition

A discussion ensued about the positive aspects of the Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire. Mr. Ogurick agreed that the commission will provide the Coalition with feedback and support them in their goal for obtaining certification.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 210119 EDZ Proposed Legislation: to establish Energy Development Zones with high levels of LMI households in municipalities, and preferentially directing EE and especially RTT replacements in retrofit projects.

210119 EDZ Proposed Legislation was discussed by the group. Mr. Knudsen pointed out that higher income households typically take advantage of rebates and incentives and that this legislation is aimed at low or moderate income households. The rebates are not community-specific. Mr. Smith offered to find out additional

information about this proposed legislation, which may provide opportunities for local energy programs.

B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Mr. Ogurick led a brief discussion about the memo.

C. Election of Officers

- a. **Chairman**: Chairman Ogurick was nominated by Ryan O’Grady to continue serving as Chairman of the Energy Commission. It was seconded by Chris Smith and approved unanimously by all those present and voting.
- b. **Vice Chairman**: Ryan O’Grady nominated Chris Smith to serve as Vice Chair for the Energy Commission. Dan Knudsen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all those present and voting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. O’Grady. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

ATTEST

Anne McBain