

Meeting Minutes
Town of Cheshire Energy Commission
June 24, 2013
Town Hall, 84 South Main St., Cheshire, CT 06410
Room 207

Present:

Richard Ogurick, Chairman

Walter Gayeski, Carol Wilson, David Gavin, Andy Maye, Joseph Nesdale, Phil Newton

Staff

Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer

Others Present:

Joan Szechtman, Tim White

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Following roll call, a quorum was determined to be present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Executive Session – The commissioners participated in security awareness training from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Nesdale

MOVED to approve the minutes of April 29, 2013, subject to the following corrections:

Page 2: "Mr. Biancur advised that CL&P has a project and the school information has been sent to the company." Page 3: Typographical error: OpenAire is the correct spelling. Page 4: Typographical error: CL&P is incorrectly identified as "LC&P". Page 6: Typographical error: HES incorrectly identified as "Hess"

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Mr. Nesdale, seconded by Mr. Gavin

MOVED to approve the minutes of the non-meeting of May 20, 2013, subject to the following corrections:

Page 1: Typographical error: HES incorrectly identified as "Hess." Page 2: Typographical error: HES incorrectly identified as "Hess". Page 3: "...looking for shape maps of Cheshire", should state "...looking for SHP maps of Cheshire." Page 4: Item #2 – date should be May 23rd. Page 4: Item E1: "...roof is being stalled now." Should state "...roof is being installed now." Page 5: Item C: "...replacement of 25 to 40 year old meters..." should state "...replacement of 25 to 40 year old motors."

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion about editorial in Meriden Record-Journal on Monday, June 24, 2013 about Frank Biancur and his work at Cheshire High School. Discussion of article on the front page of Meriden Record-Journal on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 regarding Cheshire High School solar classroom.

Discussion of BLOOM box as shown on the television news program "60 Minutes". The box is able to be used as a home power source without the need of a grid. It is believed to be a small scale fuel cell for residential use. The company it's made by is Bloom Energy.

OLD BUSINESS

Energy Management Projects

Town-wide ESPC project – ECG Engineering has been selected to oversee the Ameresco proposal. The Ameresco contract should go before the Town Council in August for approval.

Community Pool – There have been 6 or 7 meetings of the Pool Committee since May. The number of options has been narrowed down to 3. These options are: OpenAire type of greenhouse, with a cost of approx. \$7 million; a tent-style membrane structure of galvanized steel or aluminum with a membrane over it at a cost of approx. \$2-3 million; or, an improved bubble. Discussion followed regarding options, first-cost and total cost of ownership.

Benchmarking

Energy Star Portfolio Manager – database – password has been changed due to cyber attack.

Publicity/Education/Outreach

News articles and letters to the editor – nothing to report.

Next Step Living – The letter announcing a workshop to be held at Cheshire Public Library on 7/10/13 will go out no later than week of July 1. Mr. Ogurick will handle the edits and will distribute to the Energy Commission.

Clean Energy

20% by 2020 – nothing to report

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) – status – nothing to report

PBC Projects

Roof at PW Garage – Will be completed by the end of June.

Grants, Rebates, & Utility Programs

Early involvement of CL&P and YGS in all town building projects – Energy Blueprint – no update

LREC/ZREC program – Mr. Ogurick reported that the PV array on the roof of the Cheshire Public Library is not eligible for participation in the ZREC program, because it was installed prior to July 1, 2011.

CL&P Energy Reliability Program – nothing to report

Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge

Redeeming N2N Points – A check presentation was held at Cheshire Public Library on June 18, 2013. Madeline Priest of Neighbor to Neighbor presented a check for \$9,697 to the town, which will be put toward retrofitting the existing parking lot lights at the public library to more efficient LEDs.

Celebration – The end of the three-year Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge program will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 9th, from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the DEEP's Phoenix Auditorium in Hartford, CT. An email was sent, and any Commissioner who would like to attend should do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Biancur was selected as a winner of a 2013 Power of Change Innovation Award: Difference Maker.

Solarize CT – Phase 3; solar ambassadors; pledge –Tim White discussed the Solarize CT program and asked the energy commission for its support to have the Town of Cheshire participate in Phase 3 by submitting a proposal to CEFIA. It was agreed that Mr. White would be the municipal representative and would handle the details of the submittal with the Building Inspector, Planning and Zoning, Finance, and Energy Commission. If the Town does go through with this, a State pre-approved installer would need to be selected in August. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of the Energy Commission supporting and recommending one installer.

MOTION by Carol Wilson, seconded by Joseph Nesdale

MOVED the Energy Commission support the submission of an application for Phase 3 of the Solarize CT campaign, and recommend the Town leadership to also support the application.

Motion carried unanimously.

CHIF Financing Options - 0%; any qualifying energy efficiency measure (not just insulation) – no update

CEFIA Releases Rolling RFP for Anaerobic Digestion Pilot Program – Walter Gancarz took a look, but they only accept projects in development phase, so the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project is not eligible.

EnergizeCT- email newsletter - <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1499381-C2IICqZXRY>

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Gayeski

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Stephanie Dunn