

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
CHESHIRE TOWN HALL – 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Rich Ogurick, David Gavin, Walter Gayeski, Paul Michalowski, Joseph Nesdale, Phil Newton, and Carol Wilson

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: None

Others Present:

Tim White of 1682 Orchard Hill Road Cheshire (arrived at 7:05 p.m.); Will McAlpin, Project Assistant at CEFIA (arrived at 7:15 p.m. and departed at 8:05 p.m.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ogurick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present for this meeting.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 28, 2014 – Regular Meeting

MOTION by Walter Gayeski to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2014 regular meeting minutes as submitted. **SECONDED** by Carol Wilson.

VOTE: In Favor – Gavin, Gayeski, Michalowski, Nesdale, Newton, Ogurick and Wilson
Opposed – None

The motion passed 7 – 0.

B. May 19, 2014 – No Quorum

No action was required.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Energy Commission.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

1) Town-wide ESPC project – update

Work has begun on many of the ESPC projects around Town buildings with a specific focus on the school buildings while they are not in session.

2) \$10K Bright Idea Grant – contract; best use of funds

Some ideas for the Bright Idea Grant are an electric car charger, Automatic Logic TV's around the schools that show which classroom is saving the most energy, LED lighting option upgrades for the Community Pool, a dark film or tint for windows at the schools or any insulation projects that need to be done at a Town building.

3) Street Lighting – LED conversion project; attachment fee; CL & P rate

Chairman Ogurick noted that the Energy Commission passed a motion at the January meeting to recommend that the Town participate in the CCM / Siemens street light evaluation program. He noted that an update on the status of this project was not available from Mr. Gancarz before this meeting.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager-Ameresco to update database

There was no update on when Ameresco will begin to bring the Energy Star Portfolio Manager program data up to date from 2009 to present.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

- 1) News articles and letters to the editor

Mr. Michalowski shared a recent energy related article with the Energy Commission.

- 2) Outstanding Energy Achiever award

Ms. Wilson will look into an item to give to the first Outstanding Energy Achiever award recipient from the Energy Commission. Commissioners discussed a budget for the Outstanding Energy Achiever Award.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) Solarize Cheshire – final results

Mr. White was present to discuss the final results of the Solarize Cheshire program.

- 2) C-PACE – opt in; outreach; presentation by CEFIA

Mr. McAlpin of CEFIA attended the Energy Commission meeting to give a presentation about the C-PACE program.

- 3) Landfill solar farm proposal

Chairman Ogurick informed the Commissioners that no update was available on the landfill solar farm proposal.

- 4) Solar PV Permitting – Earn Clean Energy Communities BONUS POINTS

No update was given on the Solar PV Permitting regarding earning Clean Energy Community Bonus Points.

E. PBC Projects

There were no new PBC Projects referred to the Energy Commission for review at this time.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

- 1) Early involvement of CL & P and YGS in all upcoming energy projects – Energy Blueprint

Commissioners have agreed that this program at CL & P should be used for CL& P to review all construction / major renovation Town projects and determine the most energy efficient alternatives for a specific project. Commissioners also previously recommended that Ameresco take advantage of this program with CL & P.

G. CL & P Energy Reliability Program

Mr. Nesdale noted that tree trimming was on hold and will be resuming with a new tree vendor in some locations.

H. Microgrid Grant and Loan Program – Round 2

Chairman Orgurick noted that the Commission is waiting to hear from the Town Council with regards to this program.

- I. Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations – Town of Madison installed a dual-port ChargePoint CT4000 charger with SmartPhone app to see if the charger is available (both ports), get info on it, and reserve a port. It will be free to use for at least 3 years.

Chairman Ogurick reported that Mr. Gancarz is looking into funding options for an Electric Vehicle charging station for Cheshire.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. October is National Energy Awareness Month – The Enfield Energy Alliance will be holding an Energy Expo on Saturday, October 4th at Suffield High School

Chairman Ogurick reminded Commissioners that National Energy Awareness Month is in October and if the Commission would like to organize an event locally it should start work on planning it soon.

- B. Congratulations to **Frank Biancur, Maintenance Supervisor**, for being awarded First Honors and receiving the Difference Maker Leadership Award at the State Capitol; Frank was honored at the Power of Change ceremony in recognition of his ongoing efforts to find energy savings in our school buildings

Commissioners were very happy to hear that Mr. Biancur was recognized recently for all his ongoing efforts to find energy savings in the Cheshire school buildings.

- NEW C. Discussion with Pool Subcommittee Representative regarding changes for Cheshire Community Pool Enclosure

Mr. Gavin updated the Energy Commission on the status of the Community Pool Enclosure and the steps the Pool Subcommittee is taking to move forward.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Paul Michalowski to adjourn the Energy Commission meeting at 8:50 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Joseph Nesdale.

VOTE: In Favor – Gavin, Gayeski, Michalowski, Nesdale, Newton, Ogurick and Wilson
Opposed – None

The motion passed 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracey M. Kozlowski
Recording Secretary