

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION  
REVISED 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

Mr. Gancarz reported that work has continued on the ESPC projects around Town buildings with a specific focus on the school buildings while they are not in session. Installation of LED lights is complete at Norton School and about 50% complete at the High School.

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

Ideas for the Bright Idea Grant were discussed, and after a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided to put to vote an Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) at the I-84 commuter lot by Exit 26.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Commission.

- 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 article regarding geothermal projects with the Energy Commission.

- 2) Outstanding Energy Achiever award

The Commission had a detailed discussion about an appropriate item to give to the first Outstanding Energy Achiever award recipient from the Energy Commission. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided the item can be a visible desk or wall item with a cost of up to \$100. Ms. Wilson will look into and choose the item and bill it to the Town.

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. It was noted that the Town's business community would have to express an interest or demand for the program before the Town could consider opting-in.

- 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 Yankee Gas in all upcoming energy projects – Energy Blueprint

Commissioners agreed that design assistance, available through CL & P and Yankee Gas should be used to review all construction / major renovation Town projects to determine the most energy efficient alternatives for a specific project.

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

- I. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS) – Town of Madison installed a dual-port ChargePoint CT4000 charger with a 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Mr. Michalowski and Ms. Wilson will collaborate and report back on this at the next meeting.

- 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.

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

Mr. Gavin updated the Energy Commission on the status of the replacement enclosure for the Community Pool and reported that the insulation for the pool enclosure was an option that some members of the Pool Committee did not feel was affordable. A lengthy discussion ensued about the unacceptability of this caveat. Mr. Gavin will report back to the Commission on this issue.

## 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