

**CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 27, 2016**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick  
Walter Gayeski  
Paul Michalowski  
David Gavin  
Marty Cobern  
Phil Newton  
Rob Brucato

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Tim White (7:35 p.m.)

Others Absent: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer  
Peter Talbot, Town Council

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was determined for this meeting.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Mr. Cobern to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 meeting, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Gavin and opened for discussion. Corrections were noted:*

1. Under Community Pool Energy Efficiency, in the second paragraph it should state “monomolecular film liquid,” not “monomolecular filming liquid.”
2. Solar on town-owned landfill should read 650kW and 1,000kW.

*The minutes were unanimously accepted with the noted corrections.*

## **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications to the Energy Commission.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Energy Efficiency Projects**

- 1) Town-wide ESPC (Energy Saving Performance Contract) project

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz’s absence that supplemental projects have been approved by the Town Council and will start soon.

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz’s absence the measurement and verification phase is on-going and a report is due in the fall.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gavin stated he has received the energy consumption numbers from the pool and expects to have updates for next month’s meeting.

- 3) LED streetlights

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz’s absence there are fewer than 200 streetlights left to install and so far there have been no complaint from citizens.

Chairman Ogurick stated a request has been made by DEEP to do a case study on the streetlight conversion. Chairman Ogurick will ask Mr. Gancarz to get in touch with Melissa Everitt at DEEP.

4) Dryer duct cleaning program

Mr. Brucato stated since the Strawberry Festival would not allow promotion of the dryer duct cleaning program, the Fall Festival may be a better opportunity. Mr. Brucato stated the Cheshire Fire Department is interested in partnering with the Energy Commission at the Fall Festival to promote dryer duct cleaning.

Chairman Ogurick stated Mr. Michalowski was interested in allocating some of the \$10,000 balance for another Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Richard Chevrolet. Mr. Newton asked how the EVCS at Richard Chevrolet would be serving the public. Mr. Michalowski stated it is an opportunity to have an EVCS in the North end of town and close to the highway. Mr. Gavin stated he believes there is an EVCS at the State of Connecticut DMV office on Highland Avenue.

Mr. Brucato stated \$4,000 would be needed for the dryer duct program at the Fall Festival, which would leave funding for the EVCS at Richard Chevrolet. Mr. Newton stated concern about public perception and whether helping fund an EVCS at Richard Chevrolet would be perceived as an endorsement of Richard Chevrolet.

*Motion by Mr. Michalowski to approve up to \$4,000 for a second EVCS at Richard Chevrolet. Seconded by Mr. Cobern and opened for discussion. After a lengthy discussion, the motion was return to a vote and failed to pass.*

The discussion returned to the dryer duct program at the Fall Festival.

*Motion by Mr. Brucato to allocate up to \$10,000 to offer \$40 vouchers at the Fall Festival for a dryer duct cleaning, Seconded by Mr. Cobern and passed unanimously.*

5) Concession stand renovations - energy efficiency measures

Mr. Brucato provided the drawings for the concession stand with the recommended energy efficiency measures. The members of the

Energy Commission reviewed the drawings and there was a brief discussion.

#### B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

There was nothing to report on this matter.

2) Automated Energy Usage Downloads

There was nothing to report on this matter.

#### C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the Editor

Mr. Michalowski had no articles or letters to the editor to report.

2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation

*Motion by Mr. Cobern to approach the Town Council to designate time to present the 2016 Energy Achiever Award at their July meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously.*

#### D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence the supplemental study is under way and should be completed in early July. Depending on the results of the study, this project is expected to move forward by the end of 2016, but no later than May 2017.

Chairman Ogurick stated the landfill disruption permit has been submitted to DEEP.

2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of installing solar panels on the new concession stand.

Chairman Ogurick reported Mr. Gancarz restated he believes the Water Pollution Control Authority is a good opportunity for solar on a Town-operated building.

3) EVCS at Big Y

Mr. Michalowski reported the ribbon cutting ceremony and opening of the two EVCS ports at Big Y took place on June 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Michalowski stated it was a nice turn out and generated good publicity.

E. PBC Projects

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence a new air conditioning unit will be installed in the Mary Baldwin Room at the Cheshire Public Library. There are no plans or specifications yet. Mr. Gavin will look at the PBC minutes for a status. Chairman Ogurick stated Eversource should be involved to discuss energy efficiency opportunities.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1) Early Involvement of Eversource in all Town building projects

Chairman Ogurick stated Eversource should review the plans for the new concession stand and the new air conditioning unit in the Mary Baldwin Room of the Cheshire Public Library.

2) Bright Idea Grants

There was a lengthy discussion about the parameters and possible uses for the remaining balance of the Bright Idea Grants.

- 3) \$13,500 balance on the Renewable Energy track of Clean Energy Communities program

There was no report on this matter.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

There was no report on this matter.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Eversource Municipal Aggregate Data Request

Mr. White stated if you request the information, you will get it.

*Motion by Mr. Cobern to authorize Mr. White to request the municipal aggregate data from Eversource on behalf of the Energy Commission. Seconded by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously.*

- B. EVCS - Richard Chevrolet

This matter was discussed in Section A4 above.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cobern at 8:57 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Gavin and passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen M. Gill