

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 25, 2016
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Paul Michalowski
Phil Newton
Rob Brucato

Commissioners Absent: Walter Gayeski
David Gavin
Marty Cobern

Others Present: Tim White (7:20 p.m.)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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. Newton to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Brucato and opened for discussion. Corrections were noted:

1. Under Dryer duct cleaning program, in the fourth paragraph the record should indicate Mr. Michalowski's motion failed by a vote of 5-2. The last sentence should be amended to state the motion "was returned" to a vote, not "was return" to a vote.

The minutes were unanimously accepted with the noted corrections.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Brucato stated he had been contacted by the Cheshire Herald regarding the dryer duct cleaning program.

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 explained the measurement and verification process and reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence that the M&V phase is on-going. A report is expected in the fall.

2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Chairman Ogurick stated Mr. Gancarz received the report of the gas and electric usage at the pool. There is nothing to compare this data to at this time. Chairman Ogurick stated the Energy Commission would like to compare the gas and electric usage from the bubble to the gas and electric usage at the new pool structure.

3) LED streetlights

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence the installation of the streetlights is complete and Eversource is resolving issues with 20 streetlights. No detail on the nature of the issues was given. Chairman Ogurick noted inconsistency with the heights and lengths of the arms on the streetlights, as well as the posts. There was a brief discussion.

Chairman Ogurick stated Mr. Gancarz spoke with Melissa Everitt at DEEP about the possibility of publishing an article in the DEEP newsletter on the Town's streetlight conversion.

4) Dryer duct cleaning program

Mr. Brucato stated the Town Council Planning Committee did not deem the dryer duct cleaning program a broad enough use of the Bright Idea Grant. Mr. White stated a new strategy and attendance at a future Planning Committee meeting could possibly make a difference in getting this program approved. Mr. Michalowski stated Chief Casner's involvement will also benefit promoting this program.

There was a brief discussion about distributing information and measuring the interest of residents in this program at the Fall Festival.

5) Concession stand renovations - energy efficiency measures
Mr. Brucato circulated the plans for the concession stand and reported there has not yet been a meeting to discuss the recommended energy efficiency measures. There was a discussion about funding. Chairman Ogurick stated he will contact Mr. Gancarz and Ali Jackman from Eversource to verify the qualifying measures and appropriate use of the grant money.
Mr. Brucato stated he will email the link for the plans to the members of the Energy Commission since the hard copy was difficult to discern.

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 shared an article about the Town of Southington receiving a \$2 million state loan to build the first facility in Connecticut to process food waste into energy.
Mr. Michalowski shared an article about a company, Innovative-Diffusion LLC who is targeting developing communities to deliver solar power.
Mr. Michalowski shared an article that the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate (CHEAPR) program is getting \$1 million to promote electric vehicles.
Mr. Michalowski shared an article about the opening of the first EVCS in Cheshire in Everybody's Plaza.
Mr. Michalowski stated he will bring an article to next month's meeting about Stop and Shop converting wasted food into energy by shipping it to a facility in Massachusetts for processing.
- 2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation
Chairman Ogurick stated Carol Wilson was presented the 2016 Energy Achiever Award at the July 12th Town Council meeting.

D. Clean Energy

- 1) Solar on town-owned landfill
Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence the impact study will be completed by mid August, not July as originally stated.
- 2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings
Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence that the feasibility of installing solar panels at the Water Pollution Control Authority will be discussed at the WPCA meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2016.

E. PBC Projects

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence the installation of the new air conditioning unit in the Mary Baldwin Room at the Cheshire Public Library will be completed by September 10, 2016. Chairman Ogurick noted the Energy Commission would like to review the plans and specifications for the new unit. Chairman Ogurick stated he will contact George Noewatne from Public Works and Mark Nash, Chairman of the Public Building Commission on this matter.

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
Chairman Ogurick reiterated the importance of verifying the qualifying measures and appropriate use of the Bright Idea grant money.

Motion by Mr. Brucato to allocate the remaining \$10,000 Bright Idea grant for an LED lightbulb giveaway at the Fall Festival. Seconded by Mr. Michalowski and passed unanimously.

- 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

Chairman Ogurick reported in Mr. Gancarz's absence that 173 trees were removed in 2015 and 221 trees have been removed in 2016.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Exterior walkway lights at the Senior Center

There was a brief discussion in response to a request for the Energy Commission to use Bright Idea grant money to fund the installation of exterior lighting at the Senior Center. No motion was made in support of allocating money for this project.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Michalowski at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Brucato and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen M. Gill