

CHESHIRE ENERGY COMMISSION – Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2016
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M. – Room 210, Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Chairman Rich Ogurick
Rob Brucato
Walter Gayeski
David Gavin
Marty Cobern

Commissioners Absent: Paul Michalowski
Phil Newton

Others Present: Peter Talbot, Town Council
Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer
Tim White

Others Absent: None

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 August 29, 2016 meeting.
Seconded by Mr. Gavin and opened for discussion. Corrections were noted:*

1. Under Concession stand renovations, it should state "... Mr. Masciana from the Board of Education ..." not "fro the Board of Education..."
2. Under News articles and letters to the Editor, in the only sentence in second paragraph Chairman Ogurick thought grammatically it should read, "... disadvantages of buying" instead of "disadvantages to buying."

3. Under Fall Festival, the last paragraph and motion should be corrected to state that Mr. Gayeski wanted to hand out flyers for a presentation at the Cheshire Public Library, not in West Hartford.
4. Under New Business, in the second paragraph the spelling of Mr. Biancor's name should be corrected to Biancur.

The motion was returned to a vote and passed unanimously with the noted corrections.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Ogurick stated an email was received from Joan Szechtman about solar carports. There was a brief discussion.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Energy Efficiency Projects

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

Mr. Gancarz stated the M&V phase is on-going and a report is expected in the fall.

Chairman Ogurick asked for confirmation that the supplemental projects detailed in the minutes of the August 29, 2016 minutes have been approved. Mr. Talbot confirmed those projects have been approved by the Town Council.

- 2) Community Pool Energy Efficiency

Mr. Gancarz presented numbers for the latest month of data. After a brief discussion, it was determined there is not enough data at this time to make any substantive comparison.

- 3) LED streetlights

Mr. Gancarz reported installation of the streetlights is completed. Mr. Gancarz stated a rebate of approximately \$189,000 has been received. Mr. Gancarz stated there have been two complaints about the brightness of LED streetlights, which have been addressed.

- 4) Dryer duct cleaning program

Mr. Brucato stated approximately 30-50 residents signed up for the dryer duct cleaning program at the Fall Festival.

5) Concession stand renovations - energy efficiency measures

Mr. Gancarz stated the bids for this project are due tomorrow, September 27, 2016. Mr. Brucato stated he has not yet attended a meeting of the subcommittee for this project, but expects to do so. There was a discussion about whether or not Eversource is required to weigh in on this project for the purposes of energy efficiency measures since it is a Board of Education project, not a Public Building Commission project.

B. Benchmarking

1) Energy Star Portfolio Manager

Mr. Gancarz stated he attended a meeting about the process of automatically transferring data and hopes to have the transferred data soon.

2) Town Energy Use Graphs

Mr. Cobern will continue to work on line graphs to present the new data that is received.

C. Publicity / Education / Outreach

1) News articles and letters to the Editor

There was nothing to report on this matter in Mr. Michalowski's absence.

2) Energy Achiever Awards presentation

Chairman Ogurick stated the Energy Commission should be considering potential candidates to be presented with the Energy Achiever Award.

3) Fall Festival

A brief report was given about the light bulb swap at the Fall Festival. Of the 5000 bulbs ordered, 2475 bulbs were given out. There was a discussion about how this event could have been improved and what to do with the remaining bulbs.

4) 3rd Annual Science Fair at Norton School

There was nothing to report on this matter in Mr. Michalowski's absence.

D. Clean Energy

1) Solar on town-owned landfill

Mr. Gancarz stated the impact study has not yet been received. Mr. Gancarz stated he is attending the Planning and Zoning Board meeting tonight and this matter is on the agenda.

2) Solar possibilities on other Town-operated buildings

Mr. Gancarz stated this matter is on the WPCA agenda for this Wednesday night, September 28, 2016. Mr. Gancarz stated the RFP has gone out.

E. PBC Projects

There was nothing to report on this matter.

F. Grants, Rebates & Utility Programs

1) Early Involvement of Eversource in all Town building projects

There was nothing to report on this matter.

2) Bright Idea Grants

Mr. Gancarz stated the Town of Cheshire recently earned another \$4,5000 reward which must be used by December 31, 2016. Mr. Gancarz also shared a letter from the Connecticut Green Bank indicating they are closing the Clean Energy Communities program.

G. CL&P Energy Reliability Program - Tree Trimming

Mr. Gancarz stated the tree trimming is on-going.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Energy storage for Town buildings

Mr. White stated the Town can use solar energy for the proposed BESS (Battery Energy Storage System).

B. Secrets to a Comfortable Home

Mr. Gayeski will be presenting on this topic at the Cheshire Public Library.

C. Interval data (15 min) for municipal buildings

Mr. White will work on obtaining this information.

Mr. Cobern reminded the Energy Commission he will be speaking at OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) on Friday, September 30, 2016 on Physics, Petroleum and Pricing.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gavin at 7:48 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Gayeski and passed unanimously.

Attest,

Karen M. Gill