



# TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

## MEETING MINUTES

### West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

December 10, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

#### 1. Roll Call 7:25 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	Yes	Robert Palmer	No
Chris Nelson	Yes	Dave Mello	Yes
Joe Campanella	Yes	James Capella	No
Bernie Pelletier	Yes		
Max DuBuisson	Yes		
<b>Total</b>	(3 needed for quorum)		
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Katherine Bruns, Oksan Bayulgen, Jim Henkel, Diane Duva		

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. November 19, 2018 - approved

#### 3. Communications/Administration

- a. Reminder to let Bernie know if you want to be on sister city task force.
  - Katherine Bruns and Joe Campanella expressed interest
  - The resolution/ proclamation establishing a task force (reporting to the WHCEC will be at either the Jan 8<sup>th</sup> or Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Town Council Meeting
- b. WH-CEC “TED talks” idea for 2019.
  - It was agreed we will have a brief presentation from CEC members and attendees as a regular part of the monthly meetings. These talks may be information about projects and interests of attendees. They will be arranged in advance. Bernie to reach out to Steve Sack of Sack Energy <http://www.sackenergyco.com/what-is-biofuel/> to see if he can give a talk on Bioheat – and how it does connect (or not) to our WHCEC mission (The WH-CEC: promotes the use of clean energy, assists the Town in achieving energy consumption reduction goals, and recovers any financial, [environmental, and educational] benefits from doing so.)

#### 4. Upcoming Events – *discussed*

- a. Dec 12 – 6:30 PM Noah Webster Library. Sierra Club “Reinventing Power” documentary <https://www.facebook.com/events/1990959324299270/>
  - This was discussed and the event did go well – the hope is that we can expand this series to a monthly event!
  - West Hartford has not officially signed on to Sierra Club’s “Ready for 100”

#### 5. Business

- a. Plastic Bag Ban
  - Open Letters – student, community
  - Trex Recycling Challenge – schools

- i. Both of these activities are in progress with most West Hartford schools
  - b. 2018 Special Events Reports
    - Business Outreach
      - i. Chamber of Commerce Letter & Education Seminar – **Joe Campanella, James Capella**
        - 1. Energy Resources (the SBEA contractor) has joined the Chamber of Commerce and is planning to ramp up activity after the holidays.
      - ii. CSPACE/Green Bank letter – **Catherine Diviney, Bernie Pelletier**
        - 1. Signed and Sent!
    - Solar Campaign – **Dan Tavelli, Aaron Hills, Bernie Pelletier**
      - i. PR blurb (draft)
        - 1. Not sent yet
      - ii. Posigen / Solar for All – flyer/multiple events – distribution
        - 1. In process (going slow due to holidays, cold weather, and delays in getting authorization to do door to door solicitation.
        - 2. Catherine and Posigen have a list of proposed outreach events in 2019
    - Recycling / Food Waste – **Chris Nelson, Katherine Bruns, Erin McFarland**
      - i. Discussion of current difficulties in finding recycling processors now that China has left the market.
      - ii. Strong desire to continue diversion of food waste in schools and then more broadly.
    - Community TV Spots – **Dave Mello, Joe Campanella, Matt Macunas, Bernie Pelletier**
      - i. Heat Pump video shown – currently looking for more content to take advantage of the media capabilities of the town.
      - ii. Dave Mello indicated that WHC-TV is moving towards YouTube /Video on Demand platform through their website.
  - c. Sustainable CT - Most of the meeting was spend reviewing the actions available for the town to pursue in West Hartford. The WHCEC is in the process of assembling the list of issues that it can support and recommend: consensus seemed to be that priority items were: Energy Plan, SMART, and food waste collection. Catherine will pass this information on to the Sust CT Committee to be amalgamated with other input from staff and other town commissions.
  - d. 100PercentCT Project & Energy Plan – Bernie aims to have a draft of the Community Plan for the next meeting.
6. **Other Business** – Oksan Bayulgen, a political science professor at UCONN, Storrs, visited the WH CEC. She is working on research project that explores the effectiveness of task forces from a social science standpoint. She was interested in interviewing the commission in order to learn what we thought worked and didn't work. We look forward to reading her research project.

## 7. Adjournment 9:20