



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Meeting Minutes

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

April 16, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call 7PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney		Robert Palmer	
Chris Nelson		Dave Mello	x
Joe Campanella	x	James Capella	x
Bernie Pelletier	x		
Max DuBuisson	x		
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Jonathan Hartley (Posigen), Ryan Shelby, Sabina Shelby, Jim Henkel, Joe Campanella, Aaron Hills, Ted Loewenthal, Matt Macunas, Katherine Bruns, Mally Cox Chapman, Dan Tavelli, David Desiderato (Connecticut Fund for the Environment)		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. March 12, 2018 - Approved

3. Communications/Administration

- a. Matt Hart to attend meeting May 16 (Wed) meeting

4. Business

- a. Fracking Waste Ban update – deferred to next meeting. Please find attached the communication that the town has received from the Connecticut Council of Municipalities discouraging us from taking action at the town level – and encouraging us to support SB 103- which would operate to ban fracking waste at the state level.
- b. Sustainable CT update
 - Resolution passed (copy attached); Town is registered on website.
 - April 18 internal meeting with Directors. May 1 – draft submission. Aug 24 – final submission.
- c. Solar presentations
 - PosiGen (Susan Young and Jon Hartley)
 - i. Jonathan Hartley described the Posigen “Solar for All” program. Matt Macunas noted that the Green Bank has sponsored this program as a means to make solar available to more homeowners by removing credit barriers. Material was sent after the meeting and the Commission will review the potential for this program to operate in WH at its next meeting.

- Shared Solar (David Desiderato, CT Fund for the Environment)
 - i. David Desiderato provided an in depth overview of the history of shared solar in Connecticut and how it could be valuable to the town, the state, and residents. A link to the presentation is here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/icu7w8dj51rcv5u/Shared%20Solar%20Presentation%20-%20April%202018%20-%20CFE.pptx?dl=0>

- d. Multi-town braining storming meeting (Bernie/Catherine). The commission discussed the potential of working together with a group of towns (Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Simsbury, West Hartford). The following ideas were put forth and will be shared with Grace Tiezzi of Avon who is putting together ideas from the towns:
 - Help arrange group purchasing of materials and services – e.g. Choice Aggregation for purchase of electricity. Likewise education on technologies such as fuel cells, batteries, vehicles, etc could be done a multitown basis.
 - Help vet vendors and establish programs in a fashion similar to what the Green Bank has done. While there was a desire to establish a program – there was not a desire to do the outreach campaigns on a multitown basis.
 - Share metrics on energy intensity for different types of buildings – e.g. skating rinks, pools, garages, etc

- e. 2018 Special Events Discussion or Break Out
 - Celebrate West Hartford – this group would decide the focus of our booth for June 9 & 10 2018 and coordinate any marking materials, posters, displays needed. Only 2 months away!! **Joe Campanella and Max DuBuisson**
 - Chamber of Commerce Education seminar – this group would work with Chamber of Commerce to arrange an education seminar, including vendors or speakers, for a specific type of business (restaurants, convenience, pick one). There was an idea to make this regional – work with additional towns/Chambers. **Joe Campanella, James Capella**
 - Solar Promotion – this group would develop and launch another (residential?) solar promotion campaign. Could take a variety of forms: email, online, letters, banners, Town newsletters, EnergySage/GO Solar CT, community TV spots, etc. **Dan Tavelli, Aaron Hills, Bernie Pelletier**
 - Recycling / Food Waste – There seemed to be a lot of interest in this area. Not sure what the specific topic/campaign would be...you decide. **Katherine Bruns, and Chris Nelson (nominated for the role by the commission)**
 - Community TV spots – This group would pull together a series of slides (static display), pre-made videos (e.g., EnergizeCT, YouTube,) and/or host some local interviews/speakers on a variety of topics to be aired on Community TV or the gov't channel. "Brought to you by WH Clean Energy Commission." Topics could range from Solar, Electric Vehicles, Windows/Doors, Insulation, Food Waste, Town efforts, etc. **Dave Mello, Joe Campanella, Matt Macunas, Bernie Pelletier**

- The Commission added an EV car show to be held in conjunction with Drive Electric day - Matt Macunas, Max DuBuisson, James Capella
- f. Heat pump letter - deferred to next meeting
- g. 100PercentCT Project update - deferred to next meeting
- h. Energy Plan – deferred to next meeting

5. Adjournment 8:52 PM

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TOWN CLERK

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking; they build community and local economy; they equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents; and, they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment, and

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD that the Town's Energy Specialist is hereby authorized to serve as West Hartford's Sustainable CT representative for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize him/her to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of the Town of West Hartford,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to focus attention and effort within West Hartford on matters of sustainability, and in order to promote the Town Council's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to establish an advisory Sustainable CT Committee.

- The first meeting of the Sustainable CT Committee must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution.
- The Sustainable CT Committee shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.
- The Sustainable CT Committee shall report annually to the Town Council on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with reports and presentations made publicly available.

Certified true copy of a resolution
adopted by the Town Council of West
Hartford at its meeting on March 27, 2018
Which remains unchanged and in effect
as of this date.


Town Clerk

