



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Special Meeting AGENDA

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

May 16, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call: 7:07 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		
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Matt Hart, Jim Henkel, Ted Loewenthal, Matt Macunas, Gerry Hayes		

2. Special Meeting Items

a. Introductions

b. Matthew Hart, West Hartford Town Manager: Matt provided a history of his career. We then discussed priorities for the Commission and for the Town Manager:

- The Commission should report (maybe twice a year) to the Town Council through either the Community Planning Committee or the Administrative and Tech Committee depending on the issue
- Matt Hart supports the Commission playing a role in the creation of the new POCD. While this year might be a simple POCD update, not a complete new plan (like Mansfield's) Possible items to include in a future version/overhaul:
 - i. holistic and comprehensive POCD that focuses on sustainability rather than piecemeal products
 - ii. Form-based code changes are a future possibility for zoning regs (e.g., the changes City of Hartford made).
 - iii. Aspirational chapters on muni operations
- All agreed that Sustainable CT will be of value to the Town of West Hartford (see next item)
- The Commission expressed support for the “pay as you throw” SMART program
- The Town Manager noted that sustainability is his ultimate broad goal. This encompasses Equity (fairness), Economic sustainability, and Environmental sustainability (the “triple bottom line”). SustainableCT can serve as a means of combining diverse committees (including the Clean Energy Commission) to meeting that goal.
- Matt expressed interest in Energy Plan calculating GHG/Carbon Emissions, not just energy, with a goal of reductions overtime

c. Sustainable CT

- Catherine has made a preliminary filing totaling 190 points. She has made filings in 7 of the 9 categories – and West Hartford is off to a strong start.
 - Final submission for 2018 Certification is due Aug 24.
- d. Celebrate West Hartford
- Max DuBuisson took the lead on creating a graphic for use in the booth. Catherine supplied a sign up link for staffing the booth.
 - There was an idea to use iPads in the booth to gather feedback on which Sustainable CT topic area is of interest to residents. Matt M will see if we can borrow devices from CT Green Bank.
- e. Current Legislation
- The commission briefly discussed the legislation and deferred detailed discussion until the ramifications have been analyzed and understood. Catherine will send link to Clean Water Action Task Force monthly call which is on this topic.

3. Adjournment: 9:03 PM