



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

February 12, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 405

1. Roll Call – 7:03 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	x	Robert Palmer	
Chris Nelson	x	Dave Mello	x
Joe Campanella	x	James Capella	x
Bernie Pelletier	x		
Max DuBuisson			
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Mary Mockie, Jeff Howard		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 13, 2017 - approved
- b. January 8, 2018 – held to next time.

3. Communications/Administration

- a. 2018 meeting dates – Nov 12 (Vet Day) changed to Nov 19
- b. WH-CEC google group – Chris Nelson to do a final check and then discontinue Yahoo group
- c. CT Clean Energy Communities letter – sent – Catherine received notice that it was forwarded to Eversource
- d. WH Celebrate - booth application will be submitted for same area (south side) as last year. Hopefully, DPW can provide access to power from adjacent pole.
- e. Matt Hart to attend meeting – April 12th Meeting
- f. Seminar on resiliency - Feb 17 (Glastonbury Public Library)
- g. 350.org Teach-In for Climate Change at Elmwood CC – Feb 24

4. Business

- a. Fracking Waste Ban – this proposal is slated to be reviewed by the Community Planning Committee at 8AM on Feb 21.
- b. Sustainable CT – the Town is actively assembling its staff team – which is expected to include Catherine as the “point person”.
- c. Business outreach
 - CPACE letter – working with Green Bank on status and any possible next steps
 - Bloomfield example – Bloomfield Clean Energy Group directly endorsed Earthlight to work on and do outreach for SBEA. We will discuss this with Bloomfield’s committee.
- d. 2018 Special events

- George Porter interview – Bernie and George to work on script. Joe Campanella to consult on topics.
 - Chamber of Commerce seminar – James and Bernie to explore the possibility of a seminar on Restaurants and energy efficiency
 - Celebrate WH – planning.
- e. Heat pump letter – Max and Jeff Howard to finish
 - f. Solar for House of Worship – Jeff discussed 2 events that were held Nov & Jan with presentations designed to assist Houses of Worship and non-profits in obtaining Solar PV.
 - g. State of Town address - town priorities and constraints – James and Bernie attended Mayor Cantor’s address. Her address outlined many positive developments in the town but sounded a cautionary note about the impact that state budget issues may have on programs of all sorts.
 - h. French Cleaner’s Tour – James scheduled this tour for Feb 21.
 - i. Meeting with Mayor of Bristol – Catherine meet with the Mayor of Bristol and reported that Bristol is moving ahead to hire and energy specialist with similar job duties to Catherine’s.
 - j. 100PercentCT project update – Bernie reported that the project has worked with Glastonbury and other towns including some in the Hudson Valley of New York.
 - k. CWA Accelerator workshops – the program concludes on Feb 15.
 - l. Energy Plan - the energy plan is on hold until the Town completes its budget.
 - m. Recycling/Food Waste – the food recycling pilot completed. Participants liked the program (as described by Joe Campanella – participant – and Chris Nelson (DEEP). WH Department of Public Works is reviewing next steps. Chris also mentioned that the Town is revisiting the PAYT (Pay As You Throw) program with Town Council.

5. Adjournment - 8:59 PM