



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

June 11, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call 7PM

| Member | Present | Alternates | Present |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|---------|
| Catherine Diviney | no | Robert Palmer | no |
| Chris Nelson | yes | Dave Mello | no |
| Joe Campanella | yes | James Capella | No |
| Bernie Pelletier | yes | | |
| Max DuBuisson | | | |
| Total | (3 needed for quorum) | | |
| Additional Attendees | Deb Roe Jim Henkel. Owen Eagan Aaron Hills Ted Loewenthal | | |

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 16, 2018
- b. May 16, 2018

3. Communications/Administration

- a. Follow-up Green Bank/C-Pace to be sent (signed by mayor)-The letter has been signed and sent to Green Bank for distribution. West Hartford now has 2 CPACE accounts (up from 0)
- b. Catherine apologizes for not attending – ACL surgery is Tues morning. Good Luck Catherine!

4. Business

- a. Celebrate West Hartford recap
 - Our booth was well received/ the lightbulbs were a draw/ the Max DuBuisson graphic was also effective.
 - People filled in our SustainableCT survey in great numbers. However it is clear that some people just check things at random to get a light bulb!
 - Special thanks to Jim Henkel for putting in a whole day!
- b. Fracking Waste Ban update: We've been unable to get it out of the Community Planning Committee. Gary Bent – who spearheads this effort is seriously ill and can push too hard. The recommendation is that we pause over the summer – continue to gather signatures at future events – and study the opposition piece from the CCM.
- c. Sustainable CT update – June 14, 1 PM “Strengthening Your Sustainable CT Application: Lessons Learned from Pre-Application Reviews, anyone can register at www.sustainablect.org (Catherine will attend, feedback will be provide on preliminary applications after this webinar, then committee will meet again to discuss additional actions to be submitted for Aug 24)

- c. Multi-town energy task force initiative – June 20, 12-2 PM in Bloomfield.
- d. 2018 Special Events Reports- some expansion of ideas below. The goal would be to have each group below have a plan for our next meeting. We are half way through the year!
 - 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. Education on food recovery....**Joe Campanella, James Capella, Jim Henkel**
 - 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, Partners: EnergySage/GO Solar CT, Posigen, community TV spots, etc. **Dan Tavelli, Aaron Hills, Bernie Pelletier**
 - i. **Aaron to check on status of metering for the rest of the year. We have to see whether it makes sense for us to have a campaign July to December**
 - Recycling / Food Waste – There seemed to be a lot of interest in this area. Not sure what the specific topic/campaign would be- some suggestions below. **Katherine Bruns, Chris Nelson , Deb Roe**
 - i. Yard waste through the summer – there is a move to pick up yard waste during the summer months to help prevent it going into the trash (this is not allowed!!)
 - ii. Potential summer vote on SMART (Pay as you throw) vote this summer/ New London has just moved forward with it/
 - iii. Connecting food sources with transporters and destinations – the idea would be to collect edible food before it is trashed and connect it to places that need it.
 - iv. Scope out the overview of the network in town...There is some work to be done to find the generators of both prepared food and produce – and see what networks for secondary distribution exist already. These networks could either be enhanced – or new ones created.
 - v. Supermarkets... restaurants...liabilities....There is a need to develop some FAQs concerning potential liability for donated food.
 - 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**
 - EV car show to be held in conjunction with Drive Electric day **Matt Macunas, Max DuBuisson, James Capella**

- i. Important to get the dealers early in the game...
 - ii. Electric bikes??
 - iii. Electric yard appliances
 - iv. Fuel cell vehicles???
- e. Heat pump letter – Bernie and Catherine will finalize
- f. 100PercentCT Project & Energy Plan – Bernie and Catherine will work on this together over next month in light of Matt Hart’s desire to focus more broadly on Carbon Footprint/GHG Emissions
- g. POCD – WH-CEC may need to be proactive (given Matt’s take that this is an update, not overhaul)
- h. Owen Eagen Library Event – Noah Webster July 18th at 7PM

5. Adjournment 8:22 PM.