



AGENDA

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

January 8, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call - 7:05 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	x		
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	George Porter, Ted Loewenthal		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 13, 2017 - postponed

3. Communications/Administration

- a. 2018 meeting dates – approved
- b. WH-CEC google group – Chris Nelson to reach out one more time to Yahoo group before closing it down.
- c. Sustainable CT launch events – Catherine circulated a list of Sustainable CT launch events.

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Fracking waste educational seminar – Jan 10, 7 PM, Council Chambers Rm 314 : The CEC reviewed preparations for the meeting. Everything was on track.
- b. CPACE business outreach letter – No response from Green Bank – it appears that the outreach resulted in 3 response to the offer for an audit. We intend to continue checking back to see if any measures were taken.
- c. EnergizeCT letter – Reviewed draft letter to be sent to Eversource to register our concern with the dissolution of the Clean Energy Communities team. Additionally, the letter was meant to convey our continue interest in the CEC statistics (program utilization, Aggregate Energy Use, etc.). Catherine will make agreed upon changes and send out. We also noted that UI did not dismiss its team.
- d. Heat pump letter - Meeting attendees reviewed the letter that is intended to formally request that the Town always review the Heat Pump option when buildings are renovated (or built new). Decision was to simplify the letter to one page by removing background material since the Town engineers and planners are familiar with the technology. Jeff Howard and Max are on point to do this.
- e. 100PercentCT project update - Bernie Pelletier confirmed that the Microgrid prototype in Simsbury was not going forward (the Town of Simsbury decided to explore fuel cells rather than battery and PV). The project continues to draw interest from towns (Milford and Glastonbury). In addition Bernie Pelletier was contacting Kristen Gorski to discuss the Economic development potential of the plan.

- f. Sierra Club – Ready for 100: Bernie circulated documents about this effort as background. The City of New Haven is considering it. The Commission plans to review it – but must first work through the Fracking Waste Ban.
- g. CWA Accelerator workshops - The latest workshop was on resiliency - so far no direct takeaways for West Hartford.
- h. POCD – timing update from Zoning. It was confirmed that the POCD (plan of conservation and development) must be revised this year – 2018. The WH CEC expressed a desire to incorporate energy and resiliency into the plan. Other towns including Mansfield and Simsbury have done this. Todd Dumais indicated process would start soon and would include CEC; People expressed concern that the timeline (less than a year) seems short.
- i. Energy Plan – no progress due to continued budget and year end demands on staff time.

5. New Business

- a. Mat Hart, Town Manager - Matt has been invited to attend a meeting and share his thoughts on priorities.
- b. Meeting with French Cleaners – James reported the results of the discussion with Mark Hatch of French cleaners. Two action items – James is setting up a tour of the facility and we also discussed the concept of a business advisory group (that could include active businesses such as French Cleaners).
- c. Special events/projects for 2018 - Solarize or EnergySage, George Porter Interview / WH-CPTV, Celebrate WH, Other???: The commission reviewed outreach opportunities. It was decided not to pursue another Solarize campaign (considerable effort with limited gain). George Porter and Joe Campanella will work on a community TV session. The Commission will participate in Celebrate WH again with a focus on residential. We also want to make sure our signage/messaging in the booth is clear – so that people know we are the Clean Energy Commission.
- d. Additional discussion: - Joe Campanella indicated the food waste pilot has ended.

6. Adjournment - 9:00 PM