



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

October 15, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call 7:05 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	Yes	Robert Palmer	No
Chris Nelson	Yes	Dave Mello	No
Joe Campanella	Yes	James Capella	No
Bernie Pelletier	Yes		
Max DuBuisson	Yes		
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Deb Morton, Steve Sack, Matt Hart, Katherine Bruns, Aaron McFarland, Samantha Dynowski, Ted Loewenthal, Nat Cavo, Jim Tucker, Dave Saegers, Areej Natowski, Betsy Tucker, Pauline Weisman, Grace Fusilli, Kim Picholi, Cheryl Tucker, James McPhee, Zoey Weisman, Evan Picholi		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. September 17, 2018 – **Minutes approved at 7:07**

3. Communications/Administration/Upcoming Events

- a. Sustainable CT – We are Bronze-certified! Oct 22 (lesson learned) and Oct 30 (awards) – <https://sustainablect.org/resources-news-events/> **Catherine reported that West Hartford is one of 17 Bronze certified towns. There are 5 Silver towns. The Board congratulated Catherine and the WH staff that worked on this project.**
- b. Nov 8 11-2 PM, PACE, Time for 100%! Mark Jacobson - <http://www.pace-cleanenergy.org/> **All WH CEC members were invited to this event.**

4. Business

- a. Plastic Bag Ban – Presentation by Sedgwick students
 - **Students from Sedgwick delivered a well-constructed and thoughtful power point out lining their reasons for seeking a plastic bag ban and their approach to achieving it. An interactive discussion followed with the CEC offering it support to the group.**
- b. 2018 Special Events Reports
 - Business Outreach
 - i. Chamber of Commerce Letter & Education Seminar – **Joe Campanella, James Capella-**
 1. **Joe Campanella reported that the letter will be sent as an e-mail blast with followup.**

- ii. CPACE/Green Bank letter – **Catherine Diviney, Bernie Pelletier**
 - 1. **This letter is ready and awaits the Mayor’s signature.**
 - Solar Campaign – **Dan Tavelli, Aaron Hills, Bernie Pelletier**
 - i. PR blurb (draft)
 - 1. **The letter is ready and awaits distribution by Rene McCue**
 - ii. Posigen
 - 1. **Catherine and Bernie are working with Susan Young (Posigen) and Emily Bashem (Green Bank) to set up workshops in West Hartford. The opening of Posigen’s office in Hartford was well attended.**
 - Recycling / Food Waste – **Chris Nelson.** Erin McFarland
 - i. WHPS activity
 - 1. **Erin McFarland has been active at Morley. There are still challenges in motivating students to do proper sorting.**
 - ii. Other?
 - Community TV Spots – **Dave Mello, Joe Campanella, Matt Macunas, Bernie Pelletier**
 - i. **The first video (air source heat pumps) is on deck and will be shown soon.**
- c. 100PercentCT Project & Energy Plan
- **Bernie updated the group – WH energy consumption for the entire town is down due to conservation, reduced electricity consumption, changes (favorable) in assumptions, and a conversion from older oil burners to newer efficient gas furnaces.**
- d. POCD
- **Catherine alerted the group that Todd Dumais will be updating the POCD and that the WHCEC will have a chance to participate.**
- e. Potential Sister “Energy” City in Netherlands (Zwolle)
- **As a follow on from the Owen Eagen meeting the WHCEC is exploring an “Energy Sister City” in Western Europe. We are currently in discussion with Zwolle in the Netherlands but are planning to look at other options. The Mayor has expressed interest and proposed creating a limited duration task force to get the project moving.**

5. Adjournment 8:50 PM