



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

January 14, 2018

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call

| 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 | Deb Morton, Laura Siopas, Ted Loewenthal, Katherine Bruns, Chris Herb, Steve Sack, Chris Feely | | |

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Dec 10, 2018 - Approved

3. Communications/Administration – The CEC received a status of the plastic bag project being conducted in West Hartford Schools.

4. Upcoming Events – we were updated on the Posigen program.

5. Business

- a. “TED” talk – Steve Sack, Biodiesel, Biofuels and Bioheat®- Steve Sack of Sack Energy in West Hartford gave a presentation about Bioheat – explained how it is made and how it can substantially reduce CO2 emissions from wellhead to tailpipe. The presentation is attached.
- b. Sustainable CT – kick-off meeting Jan 17 – The WH department heads will meet on plans for 2019 – Catherine will communicate that the Energy Plan, food waste food waste recycling for residents, SMART (pay as you throw), and the town vehicle fleet were identified by the WH-CEC as priority topics.
- c. 2018 Special Topic Reports → 2019
 - Business Outreach
 - i. Chamber of Commerce Letter & Education Seminar – **Joe Campanella, James Capella** – the letter had to be redrafted after comments from the new Chamber President (Chris Conway). This has been done and Energy Resources can release the letter soon
 - ii. CPACE/Green Bank letter – **Catherine Diviney, Bernie Pelletier** – will follow-up on status
 - Solar Campaign – **Dan Tavelli, Aaron Hills, Bernie Pelletier**
 - i. PR blurb (draft) – N/A

- ii. Posigen / Solar for All – thru Apr 30, 2019 - Catherine working to establish dates and venues with Posigen.
 - Recycling / Food Waste – **Chris Nelson, Katherine Bruns, Erin McFarland** – recycling food waste is a priority for 2019. Some discussion also of the clarified general recycling rules and whether these could be sent to all WEHA residents
 - Community TV Spots – **Dave Mello, Joe Campanella, Matt Macunas, Bernie Pelletier** – Dave Mello spoke to the folks at West Hartford TV and they are creating a YouTube channel. This is important because it is easy to share videos on social media from YouTube. Please bring suggestions for videos. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/user/whctv5/featured> It would be good for all of us to subscribe – there are only 379 subscribers now. Also we may be able to have a Clean Energy channel within the WHCTV channel.
 - Plastic Bag Ban /Schools Trex Plastic Challenge – by all accounts this program is well received.
- d. 100PercentCT Project & Energy Plan - continue to work with Sierra Club to promote the idea of 100Percent Renewable energy in West Hartford by hosting community events during the year. On Feb 26 from 6 to 7PM Catherine Diviney is presenting the work that the town has done to become more efficient. The talk will be at St. James's Church 1018 Farmington Avenue

6. Adjournment 8:50 PM