



# TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

## MEETING MINUTES

### West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

October 21, 2019

7:00 PM

Rm 314

#### 1. Roll Call 7:05PM

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		
<b>Total</b>	(3 needed for quorum)		
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Ted Loewenthal, Julia Farber, Sedgwick students, teacher, and parents		

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Review and approve September 9 minutes - **Approved**

#### 3. Communications/Administration

- a. Special Request – Presentation by Sedgwick Middle School 7th graders: 3 seventh graders presented a very unique proposal to generate electricity for their school – namely – the use of piezoelectric floor tile in the stairwells to generate electricity as students walked on the panels. It was suggested that they review other installations in India and Sweden. The Commission was very pleased to explore this idea further.
- b. 2020 Meeting dates – approved and attached to these minutes
- c. Fintech / UConn Development letters – Review letter drafted by Joe: Some suggestions were made and the Commission intends to review and send at the next meeting

#### 4. Upcoming and Recent Events

- a. Discuss: Climate Strike – September 20<sup>th</sup> at noon – state capital: Strike was well attended and had representatives from state and federal government. The Commission will endeavor to find student participants.
  - b. Discuss: Electric Vehicle Display – Town Hall Parking Lot – September 21, 2019 9AM to 1PM: This event was organized without knowledge or participation by the Commission. It was sparsely attended and not well promoted. Recommend that the Commission get involved next year and possibly look for partners such as was done in 2018 with Kingswood Oxford.
  - c. PACE calendar discussion: Bernie Pelletier invited the Commission to sign up for the electronic calendar which will electronically push events to calendars and allow us in turn to post events
  - d. Town Hall Solar – October 28, 3:30 pm?: Catherine invited the Commission to the “Flip the Switch” event celebrating new solar on Town Hall
5. **Business** – General recommendation to remove inactive items?

- a. Review - Discussion with Mayor Cantor:
    - Should WH declare a climate emergency? It was decided that Bernie Pelletier and Julia Farber would draft a 100 Percent resolution (not a climate emergency) for the Commission to review.
    - Combining Commissions: No discussion/progress
    - Fellowship Housing, Fintech – ...other projects in town ...? As noted above the Commission will send a letter to Fintech management
  - b. 100 PercentCT report – 100 Percent guidebook available Bernie Pelletier invited the commission to review the guidebook at: <https://pacecleanenergy.org/100-percent-ct/> (the website is not yet in full production)
  - c. Sister City task force report – Town Manager discussion review: Matt Hart has accepted the task force's report. Two key items came out of the effort – 1) that the town will explore – as a matter of course – other municipal efforts when considering a project and 2) that the Commissions will endeavor to work as partners (WHCEC, The Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission, and the Conservation and Environment Commission.
  - d. Sustainable CT report
    - Funding ideas for projects – Real Estate Agents Recycle is working with WHPS to create a “West Hartford Carbon Challenge” Once this is up and running it would fit in to the Sustainable CT matching grant program. The Commission will continue to investigate new projects.
  - e. Energy Plan – 2020 proposal: A one page proposal for actions for 2020 and beyond was circulated and will be on the agenda next month.
  - f. Business SBEA – status: Energy Resources is working on Cats Unlimited, Somerset Condos, and is still in the running with Westminster Church
  - g. Solview – status: Catherine to check
  - h. Community TV inactive: No action
  - i. Land Trust / Trex Community Challenge – Nov 15 start
  - b. Plastic Bag Ban /Schools Trex Plastic Challenge - Completed
  - c. Brownfields in town – site for solar (Agora ballroom?)- inactive
  - d. Business Advisory Committee Idea -inactive
6. **AOB** -: It was suggested that we review the officers of the Commission. To be finalized next meeting

## 7. Adjournment 9PM

**Next meeting November 18, 7 PM Town Hall Room 422**

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In compliance with Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes the following is a listing of dates of the regular meetings of the West Hartford Clean Energy Commission  
(Name of Board or Commission)

MONTH	DATE/DATES	TIME & PLACE OF MEETING
JANUARY 2020	27 (Mon)	7 PM, Rm 422
FEBRUARY	24	
MARCH	23	
APRIL	27	
MAY	18	
JUNE	22	
JULY	27	
AUGUST	24	
SEPTEMBER	21	
OCTOBER	26	
NOVEMBER	23	
DECEMBER	21	
JANUARY 2021	25	

Yours very truly,

  
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(Signature) Chairman

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(Signature) Secretary

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(Date)