



This special meeting of the Clean Energy Commission was conducted as a virtual meeting. A recording of this meeting is available on West Hartford Community Interactive at: <https://www.whctv.org/whats-new/682-clean-energy-commission-special-meeting-of-july-22-2020>

July 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call - Commissioners present: Pelletier, Diviney, Dubuisson. Other Attendees: Steve Sack, Julia Farber, Samantha Dynowski, Christine Feeley.
2. Approval of Minutes - February 24, 2020 & June 22, 2020. **APPROVED.**
3. Energy Plan Draft - Comments are trickling in. Samples shared from those received from Mr. Heurter, Mr. Sack, Mr. Campanella, Ms. Dynowski, Mr. Loewenthal. Comments are being saved and will be addressed. Minor/editorial/accuracy - incorporated into next draft. Major/substantive - may require additional follow-up for specific suggested language changes. Brought up for additional discussion and/or eventual decision by Commission,
4. Outreach on Energy Plan Draft
  - a. 8/26 1-2 PM Sierra Club, WH library event
  - b. Posted on new town website <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/resident-services/clean-energy/comprehensive-energy-plan>
  - c. Other – social media ? **Brainstorm ideas included: Sustainable WH facebook, WH Recycles facebook, Renee/Town Listserv, Astrid @ Social Services, Pramod @ Faxon Library, Other Boards: Env't Comm, Bike Ped, Human Rights, Chamber of Commerce, Patch Editorial, BLM, American School For Deaf/Accessibility, State Reps or other legislators. There was some discussion about desire to be inclusive and reach out to people beyond usual circle. They was also caution about how casting net too wide might slow process of adoption. Desire to have comments received by Sept. Catherine to check on official process for Town Council adoption.**
5. COVID Energy Performance - Catherine Diviney noted that municipal electricity use and demand dropped dramatically (-60%) in March/pril in conjunction with the shutdown, but demand has risen again in May/June as air conditioning was turned on. In keeping with the State guidelines for reopening schools, the Town is working with an independent commissioning agent/energy engineering to check systems and increase ventilation. Unfortunately, this will increase energy use and bypass some of the energy efficiency measures installed over the last 5 years.
6. Adjournment

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