

This special meeting of the Clean Energy Commission was conducted as a virtual meeting. A recording of this meeting is avilable on West Hartford Community Interactive at: https://www.whctv.org/whats-new/702-clean-energy-commission-meeting

October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order 7:11 PM
- 2. Roll Call Commissioners present: Pelletier, Diviney, Dubuisson, Campanella, Nelson, Mello. Other Attendees: Steve Sack, Samantha Dynowski, Hendree Milward, Christine Feeley, Jen Evans, Mike Matthews.
- 3. Approval of Minutes August 26, 2020. Motion passes 6-0.
- 4. Communications & Events
  - a. Grount-mount Solar. **Motion to send letter without link to solar flower passes.** 6-0.
  - b. Oct 7 Energy Efficiency Day Proclamation. Catherine Diviney read proclamation which will be issued tomorrow with a video from Mayor. Social Services Department collaborated. (Attached)
- 5. Energy Plan Draft
  - a. https://www.westhartfordct.gov/resident-services/clean-energy/comprehensive-energy-plan
  - b. Comments received, timeline, outreach. Work on Energy Plan continues. Catherine Diviney walked through some of the changes. Max Dubuisson will draft definition of "clean energy" to be included in plan. Potential for final draft approval next meeting.
- 6. Any Other Business Mike Matthews introduced himself as new resident with background in energy-related communications.
- 7. Adjournment 9:00 PM

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## Town of West Hartford Proclamation

 $W_{\it HEREAS}$ , energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

 $W_{\it HEREAS}$ , smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity we need to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

 $W_{\it HEREAS}$ , implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities, create jobs, and make our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

 $W_{\it HEREAS}$ , for cities and states tackling harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get them about halfway toward their climate goals; and

 $W_{\it HEREAS}$ , for cities and states addressing equity and environmental justice, energy efficiency can help minority or low-to-middle income families, who may bear the largest burdens; and

 $W_{\it HEREAS}$ , together, the residents of West Hartford can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency, practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives, and participating in Energize CT Home Energy Solutions, Connecticut Energy Assistance, Operation Fuel, or other local utility programs; and

Whereas, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as the fifth national annual Energy Efficiency Day;

Now, Therefore, BE IT PROCLAIMED that on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of West Hartford, I, Mayor Shari G. Cantor, do hereby proclaim October 7, **2020** as **Energy Efficiency Day** in the Town of West Hartford and urge all residents support our clean energy goals and move toward more energy efficiency now and in the future.

October 7, 2020

Shari G. Cantor, Mayor