



December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Clean Energy Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting Opening

- a. Call to order: **Meeting called to order at 7PM**
- b. Roll Call:
  - **Present: Pelletier, DuBuisson, Nelson, Campanella, Diviney**
  - **Absent: Mello, Cappella, Palmer**
  - **Community: Arlo Tucker, Evan Piccioli, Hendree Milward, Julia Farber, Katherine Bruns, Samantha Dynowski, Stephen Sack, Zoe Weissman, Mike Matthews**
- c. Approval of Minutes - November 23, 2020: **Unanimously approved**

2. Old Business

- a. Feedback on Energy Plan Draft, <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/resident-services/clean-energy/comprehensive-energy-plan>
  - **Town Manager reviewed:**
    - **inquired about ability to include carbon tracking tool,**
    - **suggested that a strategy for efficiency would to consolidate municipal operations into more efficient buildings,**
    - **suggested that we explore connection between energy, waste water, storm water, and waste management,**
    - **expressed interest in waste reduction strategies and the management / reduction of impervious surfaces**
  - **Conservation and environment commission comments:**
    - **Suggested that the plan include by reference documents explaining the need for such a plan (IPCC reports, Paris Accord, etc)**
  - **Commission agreed to share WH draft plan with PACE for other towns to use as a template for their own plans**
- b. Commission Membership / New Officers
  - **James Capella approved as new Secretary to the Commission**
  - **Stephen Sack in discussion with Lee Gold to become a Republican member of the commission**

- c. Public Art & EV Chargers
  - **Discussion of the initiative to paint EV Charging stations using local artists. Joint effort of the Bloomfield, Simsbury, and West Hartford (WH Art Commission and WH CEC)**
  
- 3. New Business
  - a. US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Award
    - **West Hartford received top award in the Annual Climate Protection Award small city category. The award was sponsored by the US Conference of Mayors.**
  - b. Climate Emergency - Middletown example
    - **A group of students led by Hendree Milward presented their plan to propose a Climate Energy. They were planning to present to the Conservation and Environment committee and draft a resolution for the CEC to consider.**
  
- 4. Reports
  - **Bernard Pelletier presented the community engagement plan that is being discussed**
  - **Catherine Diviney report that the pandemic is requiring increased ventilation even in the colder weather. Despite this the energy consumption is staying approximately level because of energy efficiency work done in the recent years.**
  
- 5. Public Comment
  
- 6. Adjournment **9PM**

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