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June 23, 2021 7:00 PM

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## MINUTES

### 1. Meeting Opening

- a. Call to order – 7:04pm
- b. Roll Call – Commissioners: James Capella, Bernie Pelletier, Joe Campanella, Catherine Diviney, Stephen Sack, David Mello, Max DuBuisson, QUORUM MET. Other Attendees: Hendree Milward, Arlo Tucker, Corina Chang, Evan Piccioli
- c. Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2021 meeting - Approved

### 2. Review actions over the last month:

- a. EV event on Father's Day – estimated 60 to 70 people over the course of 3 hours. People were interested in the vehicles that were there. Perhaps we host another event in the Fall.
- b. Town Council Plan Presentation – The plan became official
- c. Public outreach:
  - WeHa.com – Stephen Sacks announcement
  - EV event publicity
- d. Participation in the Sustainability Advisory Group - the WHCEC has several items to prepare for submission (see Old Business below)

### 3. Old Business

- a. Energy Plan Draft, <https://www.westhartfordct.gov/resident-services/clean-energy/comprehensive-energy-plan> - Plan was approved – next steps are to fix some typos, remove draft label, and create press release.
- b. Public Art & EV Chargers - On hold (Perhaps delete if no action?) – Can remove until there is action

c. Climate Emergency Resolution – Report from Hendree Milward and students

- Vote for this Commission to accept – Changes have been made, not yet complete. The Commission voted to support a motion to bring a Climate Change Resolution to the Town Council for approval on the timeline specified by the Town Manager.

4. Commission reports (standing agenda item):

- Community communication network: Joe Campanella/Mike Matthews
  - Patch
  - WeHa.com
  - Sustainable West Hartford Facebook page – 286 member
  - WHCI West Hartford Community Interactive – “Energy Matters” series
    - Review Bio fuel script – quick click through of draft
    - Heat Pump Hot Water session (need to script)
    - DEEP energy retrofit of WH home (need to script)
    - HES Audit (need to script)
- Town Clean Energy Webpage: Catherine, Max Dubuisson, Mike Matthews, Westin Williams – Westin Williams went through all the links on the Webpage and felt that some was good and some was outdated. Catherine is at the lead for direction on this project.
- Heat Pump and efficiency education campaign: Bernie, Joe
  - Energy outreach to LMI: Bernie, Max
    - Review partner search – Deferred to next meeting
- Outreach for Sierra Club RF100: Joe, Mike Matthews, Samantha Dynowski – if plan is approved mark this item as completed.
- EV car event: James Capella – Father’s Day event, completed
- Sustainable CT: August application – Clean Energy topics – Send Catherine the agenda, date, and the title of the training if related to our commission. Ex. Carbon trading, energy efficiency, etc.

Action	Sub Action	SAG Member
1.3 Develop and Adopt a Statement on Equity	1.3.1 Statement	Natalie Mendes, Heidi Green
3.12 Enhance Pollinator Pathways	3.12.2 Create pollinator gardens	Luciana Grandstrand, Kim Hughes, Jane Roth, Maura Beaudreault
6.1 Implement Complete Streets	6.1.5 Bronze Level 6.1.6 Implement projects	Edward Perzanowski, Johannes Evelein, Kathleen Roche
7.3 Achieve High Energy Performance for Individual Buildings	7.3.2 LEED Gold Charter Oak	Julia Farber, Catherine Diviney
7.5 Develop a Municipal Energy Plan	7.5.1 a-b Municipal Energy Plan 7.5.2 a-d Residential Business Energy Plan	Bernie Pelletier, Stephen Sack, Catherine Diviney, Michael Bryne
8.1 Hold a Sustainability Event	8.1.1 a-c 10 Events	Preeti Dua, Ted Goerner, Kevin Nguyen, Jonathan Humphrey, Christine Feely, Hendree Milward, Jay Stange, Michael Elfenbaum
8.3 Train Municipal Representatives	8.3.1 b Train Commissioners	Ted Newton, Bernie Pelletier, Denisse Gutierrez, Erin Conneely
9.1 Report Materials Management Data and Reduce Waste	9.1.1 Staff and Data	Katherine Bruns, Dan Masciello
9.4 Develop a Food Waste Prevention and Food Scraps Recovery Campaign	9.4.2 WHPS food waste or Residential pilot	Katherine Bruns, Kathye Cipes, Lindsay Whitcomb, Vanessa Borkowski
10.4 Develop and Promote Community Growing Spaces	10.4.1 Community Gardens	Luciana Grandstrand, Kim Hughes, Jane Roth, Maura Beaudreault
11.3 Implement Policy for Sustainable, Diverse Housing Options	11.3.2 Accessory Dwelling Amendment	Mary Donegan, Dan Beccera
12.2 Strengthen Municipal Workforce Capacity to Address Homelessness	12.2.1 Designate employee 12.5.2 Funding	Grace Furia, Rachael Virgin, Denisse Gutierrez

## 5. New Business

- a. Brainstorm on what the WHCEC can do either alone or with other Commissions to prepare for the closing of the MIRA trash to energy plant. – More the responsibility of Director of Public Works (Jon Phillips), we are unsure if it's on the Town Council's radar. This will impact WH residents. Bernie will ask the question above to Matt Hart. Some suggestions were to ask if Paine wants to get bigger and take a larger role in trash management (more than trash hauling). Another idea was to contract out like the example of Covanta. Suggested to re-review pay as you throw. Suggested that residents compost food waste more than what we currently do. Ultimate answer is waste reduction and is outside our purview.
- b. Legislative Review - deferred

## 6. Staff Report

- a. Energy Updates – Catherine: running under budget DOE and Town, offset by lower than expected rates (natural gas use was up because of Covid ventilation requirements).
- b. BEV grant proposal Town Fleet – still undecided – but Catherine clarified that the grant, if obtained, only makes up the difference between the cost of an “ICE” car and a “BEV” car.

## 7. Public Comment - None

8. Adjournment – 8:54pm

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