

**TOWN OF HAMDEN**  
**ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of the meeting of**

February 24, 2014

7:00 PM

**Attending:** David Cooper, Frank Gasparro, Brian Lier, Daniel Liston, Martin Mador, Frederick Schramm, Chris Marchand (Liaison)

**Absent:** David Bruhn, Daniel Clemente, Amy Sowitcky

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Lier motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2014, seconded by Mr. Cooper. *The motion carried unanimously.*

**Old Business**

- a. Letters of support went out for Next Step which will hold a public forum on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- b. A brief discussion ensued with the following motion. Mr. Mador motioned “The EUCC supports adoption of CPACE by the town of Hamden. CPACE is a visionary program which will promote energy savings, reduce C2 emissions, lower costs for town businesses, and make the town a more attractive host for commercial and industrial companies. It has already been adopted by about half of the towns and cities in the state. The Commission strongly recommends that the town Council approve the program at its arch 3, 2014 meeting.” The motion is seconded by Mr. Cooper. *The motion carried unanimously.*
- c. Microgrids – another round of RFP be released by DEEP in March, there will be minimal changes in the rules. At this time Mr. Schramm gave a brief report advising the Commission that anyone can apply. He will keep the Commission informed at each meeting as it progresses.
- d. Tree Trimming – There will be a public hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Hamden Middle School. Hamden Alliance for Trees is being very vocal and feels the trimming process needs change. There are a number of questions still to be addressed and answered. Dunbar Hill is the pilot project for the Tree Trimming.
- e. Earth Day – The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 31, 2014 and assignments will be discussed and decided at the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lier mentioned that he was approached by Citizen’s Campaign o the Environment to make a donation and write letters. Mr. Lier motioned to send letters of support on Senate Bill 237 to ban and prohibit and protect CT from hazardous fracking waste, seconded by Mr. Cooper. *The motion carried unanimously.*

The ground mount solar PV system for Mr. Lier's home will be installed in the next few weeks. It has been delayed due to the weather.

Mr. Lier will be going to South Africa to a Climate Reality Leadership Corps training program. He would like to make a presentation if possible at the Earth Day event. This will be discussed at the March 31, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Mador advised the Commission that there will be a Community Solar meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. He will post the information to the website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:35 p.m. Mr. Schramm motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cooper. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

The next meeting of the Energy Use & Climate Change Commission will be *Monday, March 31, 2014.*

Recorded by,

Catherine E. Gempka  
Substitute Clerk