

TOWN OF HAMDEN
ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION
MEETING

MARCH 31, 2014

7:00 PM

MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN

Commissioners in attendance: Frank Gasparro, Chairman
Frederick Schramm
Daniel Listen
David Cooper
Brian Lier
David Bruhn
Martin Mador

Others in attendance: Lorrie Martindale, Commission Clerk substitute for
Peggy Craft

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

MINUTES

Commissioner Cooper motioned to accept the Minutes of the February meeting as presented.

Commissioner Bruhn seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Gasparro discussed Earth Day sign up for April 12th, 2014 from 9:00am to 3:00.

David Cooper suggested ideas on how to use the \$15,000.00. Examples were Home Energy Audits, lights for Hamden Middle School, sensor on Town buildings, parking lots also inside building. The Student Science Club was also mention for energy related projects.

Mr. Schramm discussed tree trimming and PURA's final decision. There was a meeting last week which several hundred people were in attendance. Brendan Sharkey is supporting a Legislature House Bill. PURA's language will be in the bill, May 7th, 2014.

Protecting trees is important to necessary cutting. Hamden is center of this for UI. CLP has been doing this and there have been no problems.

Micro grids: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has similar but different opportunities and will have a Webinar in August. Winners of 1st grants will celebrate at Wesleyan. One out of nine is up and running.

Hamden's applications focus on Dixwell Avenue. Application for CT Transit on State Street is critical – Proposed Project: DMV-/CT Transit to Dollar General.
High School to Hamden Plaza
Hamden Mart to other side of Mart
Eighteen projects dwindling down

Energize Hamden: Lantern Energy/Next Step Living have ductless mini-splits with financing. 50 people signed up a couple weeks ago with interest.
CT Solar Challenge: Next phase of solar opportunities for residents.

Martin spoke of Community solar which would be that solar be installed and dealers buy into it. CT does not allow it. CT ran bill to allow for this. Utility companies do not like it because they do not make money. Bill did not pass committee. The second Pilot Project will be in 2018 to enlarge it. Negotiation will be on Wednesday. Two chairs supportive now are caving to the Utility Company. Renters will be able to buy into this.

There is another bill that is still alive. 100 mega-watt projects and there are a lot of them. If leadership accepts them then you have a bill. There is no bill out there to do this. File amendment 353 with Senate. Senate chairs for applicable committee are Bob Duff and Ed Myers.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Gasparro called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner David Bruhn motioned to adjourn. Commissioner David Cooper seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Lorrie Martindale, Commission Clerk