

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION
MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015
7:00 PM
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT**

Commissioner in attendance: Frank Gasparro, Chairman
Frederick Shramm, Vice Chair
David Cooper
Robert DuBrow
Martin Mador
Amy Sowitsky

Others in attendance: Chris Marchand
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk
Paul Holland, 2G Cenergy
Dan Geirin, Boy Scout, Observing Meeting to Earn Communication Merit Badge

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Mr. Gasparro invited Mr. Holland to address the Commission.

Mr. Holland distributed information regarding 2G Cenergy, and explained the services they provide. Mr. Holland also answered several questions asked by the Commissioners in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2015 MEETING

Ms. Sowitsky motioned to approve the Minutes of the March Meeting. Mr. DuBrow seconded the motioned. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Earth Day – 2015

Mr. Schramm handed out copies of an article entitled "*How to Talk About Climate Change so People Will Listen by Charles Hamm*", that appeared in Atlantic Magazine. Mr. Schramm reported that the article was very well received. Several people also took copies of handouts regarding electric vehicles.

There was a discussion regarding the electric vehicles that were on display.

There was a discussion regarding electrical vehicle recharging stations.

Chris asked Mr. Schramm to send him an e-mail regarding the solar lights at Town Center Park.

Mr. Cooper asked about the lighting at the High School. Mr. Marchand suggested that someone on this Commission follow this up with the Town. Mr. Gasparro will contact Mark Albanese, Hamden BOE Director of Facilities.

MATT CORCORAN MEMORIAL

Clerk Craft will contact Matt Fitch, Chairman of the Town Park Commission, in regarding to placing a plaque on one of the solar lights that will be donated at Town Center Park.

Mr. Gasparro asked about the solar programs in Town. Mr. Marchand said the one megawatt scheduled for the Transfer Station is in the works. The installations at the Middle School and Public works are completed. Mr. Gasparro also asked about the Hydrogen project at Public Works. Mr. Marchand said it is in. It will be used by the Greater New Haven Transit District to fuel their vehicles. Mr. Marchand will update the Commissioners on this project next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gasparro asked Mr. Cooper what the point of having a representative of 2G Cenergy attend the meeting was. It was agreed that the presentation was not informative. There was a discussion regarding the presentation and its objectives.

Mr. Marchand suggested that the Commission find a focus to go forward with. It was suggested that the Commission plan to do this after the Special Election on May 28th, so they will be working with the new Mayor.

Mr. DuBrow discussed the National Divestment Movement regarding fossil fuel. Mr. DuBrow discussed the reasons for this. Mr. Mador also discussed his work with the National 350 staff. He will look into having someone attend a meeting to discuss this topic. Mr. Mador said this has been done in two towns in Connecticut, New London and Guilford.

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of UI by a Spanish company Iberdrola.

Mr. Mador will write thank you letters to Partyka Chevrolet and Bob Thomas Ford for the Electric Vehicles they displayed at Earth Day. It was suggested that Chairman Gasparro also send a letter of thanks. Mr. Gasparro agreed to do so.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Gasparro called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Sowitsky motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Mador seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Gasparro adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.**

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk