

**TOWN OF HAMDEN**  
**ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**JUNE 15, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**  
**MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**2750 DIXWELL AVENUE**  
**HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT**

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

Others in attendance: Chris Marchand  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 20, 2015 MINUTES**

**Commissioner Sowitcky motioned to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2015 Meeting. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Gasparro asked Mr. Marchand about the solar lighting for Town Center Park. Mr. Marchand said there was a mandatory walk thru for this project, but no vendors showed up. This will now be done on a direct payment or placed out to bid again. The Purchasing Agent will make this decision.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Marchand discussed the Clean Energy Community Program. He further noted that CEFIA is now Green Bank. He explained what can be done with the grants from this program. Charging stations were discussed as something that could be part of these grants. There was a lengthy discussion regarding who could avail themselves of a fast charge at one of these stations. Mr. Mador felt that this would most benefit someone traveling through the state. He did not feel was something that local residents would have a need for. He added that there is not a reservation system for charging stations currently in place in the State. Mr. Gasparro disagreed, and felt that it would be very useful, and “someone” would have a need for it. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject.

Mr. Marchand discussed the installation of one megawatt that will take place at the Transfer Station. The Supervisor at this facility, Joe Colello, would like to see this at net zero in renewal energy. He has already made several improvements at this location, including a live pond and a small park area. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject. This could be an opportunity to use the Clean Energy Community Program for a solar installation at this location. It was suggested that Mr. Colello be invited to the next meeting to discuss this.

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Next, there was a short discussion regarding replacing the street lights with LEDs. Mr. Marchand said UI will not agree to this.

Mr. Schramm did a presentation regarding EV Charging Stations and grants that are available through DEEP. He said this is round four of this DEEP program. He further explained the program and the timetable, and the guidelines for installation of these stations. He said Hamden meets the criteria for eligibility for this program. He added that Hamden is under-served regarding these stations. He pointed out on a map the various locations in surrounding towns where there are EV Charging Stations. Mr. Schramm also discussed the cost of these installations. He said the price varies depending on the model. Ms. Sowitcky suggested that the installation be done with a solar panel on top so that it would be off the grid. Mr. Schramm said there are three areas where he would like to place an EV Charging Station. The first location would be on Whitney Avenue in Spring Glen in the Municipal Parking Lot. He noted the advantages of this area. The next location he suggested is the area next to the Church on Whitney Avenue north of the Putnam Avenue/Lake Road intersection. He said this would be located in a cut out next to the church on the Whitney Avenue side. Mr. Schramm noted that one of the criteria for this program is that there must be site control in place before the application can be considered. The third suggested area would be in the Hamden Plaza. Mr. Schramm said due to his involvement in the Microgrid project he has a relationship with the owner of the Plaza. He suggested that the station be installed in an area next to Starbucks. He discussed the advantages of this location. Mr. Schramm said the \$36,000 available through Green Bank could fund all three of these charging stations. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic. Mr. Schramm explained what the State would, and would not pay for. Mr. Marchand was asked if the \$36,000 from Green Bank would be available for these installations. Mr. Marchand said he does not believe this would be approved by Green Bank. Mr. Marchand said that Green Bank provides funding for project that directly benefit the Town. He said he doesn't feel this would be a direct benefit to the Town. Ms. Sowitcky said if the Spring Glen installation included a solar power that went back to the grid, then it would be a benefit to the Town. Mr. Schramm would like to be able to use the DEEP program for the Charging Station installation, and the Green Bank funding for a solar installation to go along with the charging station installation. DEEP would like to have this up and running by November 1, 2015. Ms. Sowitcky asked why Mr. Schramm was proposing three Charging Stations. Mr. Schramm said we could only get one or possibly all three, but our "ace in the hole" is the fact that Hamden is under-served. It was noted that these installations must be paid for, and then be reimbursed by the State. There was a discussion regarding how this project could be paid for. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding this subject. Mr. Mador felt that this could not be voted on this evening, and suggested that a Special Meeting be scheduled in two weeks to vote on this. Mr. Mador asked Mr. Schramm how much time he would need to frame all the questions that need to be answered. Mr. Marchand suggested that Bob Wall be contacted tomorrow to ascertain whether or not Green Bank will fund these three installations, two of which are on private property. Mr. Schramm explained that there are two grant levels - \$10,000 for municipalities and \$4,000 for private installations. Mr. Mador suggested that Mr. Schramm speak with DEEP to see if they will extend the deadline for these grants. Mr. Schramm asked for a straw poll vote on this proposal. All present were in favor of this proposal.

It was suggested that a Special Meeting be held on June 25, 2015 at 6:00 PM to vote on the EV Charging Station Proposal. The Commission Clerk will prepare a Special Meeting Agenda, and file it with the Town Clerk. The Clerk will also reserve a room for the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Gasparro called for a motion to adjourn.

**Commissioner Sowitcky motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lier seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Gasparro adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk