

TOWN OF HAMDEN
ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 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 Chairman
Brian Lier
Martin Mador
Amy Sowitsky

Others in attendance: Chris Marchand
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk
John DiModica, Senior Account Executive, Noresco (United Technologies)

Mr. Gasparro introduced Mr. DiModica and invited him to address the Commission. He added that the Regular Meeting would begin at 7:30 PM.

Mr. DiModica addressed the Commission and described the services that his company offers.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2015 MINUTES

Mr. Lier noted that his name was left off the list of Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Sowitsky motioned to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2015 Meeting as amended. Commissioner Lier seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Marchand said regarding the lighting for Town Center Park, he will continue to investigate vendors to provide this lighting. There was a discussion regarding this topic.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the meeting that was held with Mayor Leng regarding the EV Charging Stations. Mr. Schramm discussed the issues that were raised. He added that nothing seem insurmountable. Following the meeting Mayor Leng provided the Commission with a memo from Town Attorney Sue Gruen describing what was necessary for Sleeping Giant Energy to be appointed as the designated agent for the Town. Mr. Schramm next discussed his reply to the Mayor regarding this memo. Mr. Schramm said the Mayor stated in this memo a list of several roadblocks toward attaining this. Mr. Schramm said he felt it was more like a road map. He continued to discuss the memo from Ms. Gruen and what he felt was necessary to have in place to be appointed as an agent for the Town regarding these Grants.

Mr. Schramm said that Putnam Place is no longer interested in having an EV Charging Station. He said there is a Town property that could accommodate an EV Station. He provided this information to the Mayor. He read the email from the Mayor in which he informed Mr. Schramm that Sleeping Giant Energy would not be appointed as the agent for the Town regarding these stations. He added that the application is due tomorrow July 21, 2015. Mr. Schramm said there will not be an application from the Town. He said there may be another round for these grants if all the money is not allocated in this round. He described the process that would be necessary for the Town to make this application. Mr. Schramm said there was no stringent obstacle raised by the Town

Attorney. Mr. Mador suggested that Mr. Schramm have a meeting with Ms. Gruen. Mr. Schramm said that Mayor Jackson was also not in agreement with this proposal. Mr. Schramm said he was befuddled by this.

Mr. Gasparro said that there is no question that this is a benefit to the Town.

Mr. Schramm said when there is a problem there should be a conversation to resolve the problem.

There was further discussion regarding this subject.

Mr. Gasparro said if there is money remaining for this Grant, there should first be a meeting with the Mayor.

Mr. Mador suggested that if there is a meeting with the Mayor, it should be by invitation to attend a Commission meeting.

Mr. Mador asked if it is clear that the Town will not be applying for this grant. This possibility was discussed.

A very lengthy discussion continued regarding both Mayor Jackson and Mayor Leng's response to this proposal, and Ms. Gruen's memo regarding this subject.

Mr. Gasparro asked if a private entity could be enticed to apply for this grant. Mr. Schramm said the deadline for this grant has passed.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the \$36,000 available from Green Bank.

Ms. Sowitsky asked if we want to decide on how to spend this money tonight or at the next meeting.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the vacancies on the Commission.

Mr. Mador discussed a Google Group for members of the Energy Commissions. There is a website - sustainable.org. He said this is a good clearing house for Energy Commission Members.

Next, he said there was a conference in Wallingford for Energy Commission Members. Mr. Mador provided a short description regarding this conference.

Mr. Mador informed the Commissioners that the The Institute for Sustainable Energy will present be a Conference on September 17th at Middlesex Community College. It is open to all.

Next, Mr. Mador said the Governor has created a Council on Climate Change. This group is made up of Department Heads. They met last week.

Mr. Schramm asked what the Commission should do regarding the Memo from Ms. Gruen. Mr. Gasparro and Mr. Mador suggested the Mayor be invited to the September Meeting to discuss this subject.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Commission.

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 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk