

TOWN OF HAMDEN

ENERGY USE AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION

A meeting of the Energy Use & Climate Change Commission was held on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Main Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.

Commissioners in attendance: Frank Gasparro, Chairman
Frederick Shramm
David Cooper
Robert DuBrow
Brian Lier
Martin Mador
Amy Sowitsky

Others in attendance: Chris Marchand
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gasparro called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mador pointed out that the company that John DeModica represented was not included in the Minutes. The Company is Noresco. Mr. Schramm noted that his name was incorrectly spelled. **Mr. Schramm motioned to accept the Minutes as amended. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Marchand discussed information that he received from Noresco and work they perform. There was a discussion regarding performance contracts for the Town. Mr. Marchand has discussed this with the Superintendent of Schools and the Mayor's Office. Mr. DuBrow asked if the Commission should recommend this. Mr. Schramm suggested that the Commission put together an RFP. Mr. Mador said the Commission does not have the expertise to put together an RFP, he recommended hiring a consultant. He suggested Chris Halprin to handle this. Mr. Marchand suggested sending the information he has to the Commissioners for their review and suggestions. Mr. Marchand said the Mayor is on board with this. Mr. Marchand will keep the Commissioners informed regarding this issue and what the requirements are from the State regarding this subject. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding this topic. There will be further discussion next month regarding a performance contract.

Mr. Marchand said the EV Charging Station Grant was approved for two charging stations. The installations will take place at the Commuter Parking Lot in Spring Glen and the Police Garage. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject.

Mr. Marchand discussed a meeting he had today regarding the Hydrogen Charging Station. Mr. Marchand discussed this program. He explained that this is being done along with Greater New Haven Transit District. The Federal Program has funded this program for approximately \$1,000,000. He added that Brendan Sharkey was able to add an additional \$200,000 to this program from the State.

The Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Deployment Plan was discussed by Mr. Marchand. Mr. Marchand said this grant runs out in about a year. He said there is a bus at the Public Works Garage that is valued at about a million dollars. There will be a bus route planned for using this hydrogen powered bus for the elderly. It will include several elderly service locations as well as area grocery stores. Mr. Marchand said his worry is that after one year, the project could be scrapped. There was further discussion regarding this subject. Commissioners Gasparro, Cooper and Sowitsky looked up various websites and information on their electronic devices and shared them with the other Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cooper discussed a guest he had invited to attend this meeting but was unable to be here due to a conflict with his work schedule. He described the work that his company does. The work involves the demolition of buildings and the resale of the materials.

Mr. Lier reported that his solar installation is working very well. He added that he is getting credits back. He discussed the cost of this installation.

Mr. Gasparro will invite Mayor Curt Balzano Leng to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Gasparro called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Cooper motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sowitsky seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Gasparro adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Submitted by _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk