



TOWN OF HAMDEN

Energy Use and Climate Change Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

The Energy Use and Climate Change Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009 in the Main Floor Conference Room in Government Center at 7:00 p.m. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Frank Gasparro, Bernard Brennan, Azalea Mitch, Matt Corcoran, Martin Mador.

Others in Attendance: Chris Marchand, Community Development Program Manager, Citizen William Mitch, Council Person Kathleen Schomaker, Power Point Energy Consultant John Carbone, and Commission Clerk, Rose Lion.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Energy Use and Climate Change Commission Meeting, was called to order at 7:12 by Chairman Frank Gasparro.

PRESENTATION

John Carbone of Power Point Energy Consultants addressed the commission and answered questions regarding the comprehensive energy program which his company has been designing for the Town. Mr. Carbone stated that Power Point Energy identifies energy opportunities and explores technologies and funding for its clients and also does packaging and implementation. Mr. Carbone stated that Power Point employs a “vertically integrated service model which examines base usage and reduces it by controlling all building mechanics”. Primary Energy Conservation Strategies are:

1. Lighting upgades
2. Occupational control sensors
3. EMS systems controlling all building mechanics
4. Maximizing efficiency of HVAC systems
5. Identifying opportunities to add renewable applications

Mr. Carbone stated that Power Point “leverages all grant and incentive programs that can apply to their recommendations”. Mr. Carbone answered questions from commissioners regarding, approaches in other towns, patterns of building usage, user friendliness of control capabilities, and time frames for reporting on findings, and possible implementation. Mr. Carbone indicated that reports may be ready in September or August for Hamden High School and an application may be ready by Spring. The Commissioners and Mr. Carbone agreed that EUCCC should be included in the reporting process. Council Person Kathleen Schomaker pointed out that when implementation begins and measurable changes in usage can be observed, a very visible way of indicating such results should be employed. Turbines and solar panels are very noticeable and we don’t have them, so ways of creating visibility are needed. Mr. Carbone added that Power Point is committed to education, reporting findings and results, and promoting changes in behavior through education. Power Point will work with the BOE to educate students regarding what is being done and how to change behaviors. It is suggested that a Power Point representative attend EUCCC meetings regularly to provide updates and that Town Engineer, Robert Brinton should be

included. Commissioner Mador suggested that a proposal be sent to the Legislative Council to hire a Regional Energy Manager. It was suggested that CCM be considered for this opportunity. It was also suggested that Chief Administrative Officer Scott Jackson, be invited to EUCCC to discuss centralized scheduling of facilities and that at some point a meeting with the Mayor be scheduled. Commissioner Mador suggested asking the Mayor to send the Purchasing Agent to EUCCC meetings for consulting before decision making and signing off on Energy Matters. It is also noted that Council Persons should remain involved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Clean Energy Handouts from were distributed.

Chairman Gasparro reported that there were 63 energy sign-ups on Earth Day resulting from the endeavors of Hamden Hall Day School students. He and the students are seeking other sign-up opportunities and may try to work with Hamden High School or other schools and volunteers. Mr. Gasparro informed EUCCC that an Environmental Summit will be held this fall at Hamden Hall Middle School and that there is interest in establishing a “Weather, Environment and Energy Station” or a “Weather Bug Station” at Hamden Hall”.

There was a brief discussion of stimulus money opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

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