

TOWN OF HAMDEN
ENERGY USE AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION
(Via Zoom/Telephonically)

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission took place on Monday, February 8, 2021, via Zoom/telephonically.

Attending: Lawrence Rosenthal, Chair; Brendan Smith, Vice Chair; Alison DeMaio; Susan Kulis, Martin Mador; Henry Dynia; and David Cooper. **Also in attendance:** Kathleen Schomaker, Energy Efficiency Coordinator; Timothy McKee; Bob Langdon, Beva Nall Langdon; and Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission.

1. **Call to Order (roll call):** Chairman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Roll call was held and a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of January 11, 2021 Minutes:** Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion. Mr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting as amended. Ms. Kulis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment of Agenda Items:** Ms. Sarah Clark introduced herself to the Commission. She is interested in following the Complete Streets program. Mr. Rosenthal noted the project is new to the EUCC Commission and we were introduced to the project last January. He provided Ms. Clark an update to what the Commission has learned, however, over the next few months they are looking to be more involved in learning more about the program and offering our time to the various departments that need their support. Mr. Clark shared with them that Traffic Authority will be involved and Mark Austin, the town engineer, gave a presentation, which included the Complete Streets project. He described a sample of the program, called "A Road Diet" and gave an example for Whitney Avenue. One of the four lanes is eliminated and becomes a center lane for drivers to make a left or right cross over to an entrance to a business and then the excess areas of both lanes are to become a lane for bicyclists.

Mr. Rosenthal provided information about the town of Middletown receiving grant funds for electric school buses. He noted the cost of a regular bus is approximately \$300,000 and an electric bus is about five times more. Mr. Rosenthal said the town of Middletown is offering for those interested in learning more about the grant to

attend their webinar

4. Energy Efficiency Coordinator Report by K. Schomaker:

- a. Updates discussion on EVSE Work – Mr. Rosenthal asked Bob and Beva Langdon to share their presentation on the EV Road map for Connecticut. Dr. and Ms. Langdon presented the electric vehicles connection with Hamden; the charging stations, those station compatible to various e-vehicles; those stations that are currently in town. After the presentation, the Commissioners held a question-and-answer session with the Langdons. Ms. Langdon offered to send her most current version of her PowerPoint presentation to Mr. Rosenthal.
- b. Ms. Schomaker attended the Traffic Authority meeting held earlier this evening. The TA Commission is open to meeting and learning more from the EUCC.

She will receive updated information about the Complete Streets program and share with the Commissioners. She noted that she registered the Town in the Live Green Connecticut, ten-month program. Ms. Schomaker provided a summary of the parking and enforcement project and there are two volunteers working for this project, and we have an intern from Bard College assigned to work on the Sustainable Connecticut.

- c. Ms. Schomaker noted the ten modules have been converted to eight. The program basically pulled the electric school buses. The Deep Dive application will be filled at the end of this month.
- d. Status with Mayor's Office on approval of candidates for EUCC – Ms. Schomaker noted the Mayor has one candidate to submit to the Legislative Council.

5. Old Business:

- a. The NORESKO project is still on hold. Ms. Schomaker said the town is working on the capital plan and the decision was made to review and find funds from prior bonds. She explained that there are existing funds from existing bonds and the town will repurpose those funds rather than submitting for a new bond at the state.

Mr. Rosenthal thanked Ms. Kulis for her notes on the MEP (municipal energy plan). He asked everyone to review the draft document on the renewal energy plan. Parts of this plan will focus on alternative supplemental energy supply during disasters; a great energy supply; there are the Geothermal fuel cells, and several locations are cited for the first microgrid to be installed. The mayor will present the MEP to all those departments in the town and most will have a role to bringing this plan to fruition.

6. New Business: *Nothing to present.*

At 8:47 p.m. Ms. Schomaker withdrew from the meeting.

7. Adjournment: Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cooper motioned to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dynia. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission