

# Energy Use & Climate Change Commission

Monday, June 14, 2021 7pm

## Call to Order

Mr. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

## Commission Members

Lawrence Rosenthal – *Chair* Brendan Smith- *Vice Chair* David Cooper  
Alison Demaio

Henry Dynia Martin Mador Timothy McKee

## Others in Attendance

Kathleen Schomaker – *Energy Efficiency Coordinator* Bob Langdon  
Beva Nall-Langdon  
Alyssa Bussard – *Substitute Commission Clerk*

## Agenda

### Approval of May 10, 2021 Minutes

After a lengthy discussion of the minutes from May 10, Mr. Rosenthal noted questions to ask Ms. Schomaker upon her arrival to the meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes which was made by Ms. Demaio and seconded by Mr. Mador. All present were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

## Public Comment of Agenda Items

There were no comments put forth by the public regarding items on the agenda.

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### Energy Efficiency Coordinator Report – Kathleen Schomaker

#### 1. Streetlighting Project Update

Ms. Schomaker reported that the new Director of Planning and Development is working with United Illuminating to determine a permitting process. Ms. Schomaker is following up regarding updates on this project.

#### 2. EVSE Toolkit Work, Webinars and next steps

There was no update at this time.

#### 3. Update on Sustainable CT

Ms. Schomaker stated they are going for silver certification for sustainable CT. The deadline is the end of July and she is in the process of processing a lot of projects.

#### 4. Complete Streets

Ms. Schomaker had requested volunteers for the bicycle phase of the complete streets program. Ms. Demaio, Mr. Rosenthal, and Mr. Smith have agreed to volunteer their time for this project. Mr. Smith is to email Ms. Schomaker about this and she will then send out the pertinent information. Members of the bicycle committee recommend to complete the bicycle community application on or before August 5th, 2021.

## 5. Other business

Ms. Schomaker reported that Green Spot wants the RFP put out as soon as possible, the purchasing agent would like fewer sites to be listed in the RFP. The task force had a meeting regarding the municipal sites. Ms. Shomaker is working on the requests put forth by the purchasing agent regarding the sites listed.

## New Business

### 1. Election of Officers

Mr. Rosenthal turned the meeting over to Ms. Shomaker who was leading the election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Energy Use and Climate Change Commission. Ms. Shomaker opened the floor for nominations for the Chair of the Energy Use and Climate Control Commission. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Rosenthal which was seconded by Ms. Demaio. Ms. Shomaker asked for any other nominations for Chair. Ms. Shomaker again asked for any other nominations for Chair. Mr. Rosenthal nominated Mr. Cooper, who declined. Ms. Shomaker asked a third time for any other nominations for Chair. Hearing none, she closed the nominations for Chair. She then asked for a voice vote to elect Mr. Rosenthal as Chair of the commission. All voted in favor and it was passed that Mr. Rosenthal is to remain the Chair of the Energy Use and Climate Change Commission. Ms. Shomaker then opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chair of the Energy Use and Climate Change Commission. Mr. Rosenthal nominated Brendan Smith for Vice Chair. This nomination was seconded by Mr. Cooper. Ms. Shomaker asked for any other nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Shomaker again asked for any other nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Shomaker asked a third time for any other nominations for Vice Chair. Hearing none, she closed the nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Shomaker asked for a voice vote to elect Mr. Smith as the Vice Chair of the commission. All voted in

favor and it was passed that Mr. Smith is to remain the Vice Chair of the Energy Use and Climate Change Commission.

## 2. Other

There was a question regarding meetings moving to be in-person. The clerk shared that at this time the commission can hold meetings either entirely in person, or entirely via Zoom. The commission decided to continue to use Zoom at least for the month of July.

## Old Business

### 1. EV School Bus Webinar Report – Middletown Cost Analysis Discussion from Webinar

There was no update at this time.

### 2. Beverly MA EV School Bus Case Study

There was no update at this time.

### 3. Additional EV Seminars

There was no update at this time.

### 4. MEP Progress Update – Larry Rosenthal

There was no update at this time.

### 5. Complete Streets Additional Discussion and Site Visits

There was no update at this time.

## 5. Other

Mr. Langdon and Ms. Nall-Langdon gave updates regarding the National Drive Electric Week. Mr. Langdon showed the commission the National

Drive Electric Week website ([driveelectricweek.org](http://driveelectricweek.org)). On the website, you can find event pages, including Hamden's own event page for the September 25 event. Ms. Langdon reported that they have received the ten large yard signs to promote the event which they will place a week before the event. They have begun contacting local auto dealers regarding bringing electric vehicles to the event.

Mr. Rosenthal mentioned that he had spoken to the manager at Toyota of Wallingford regarding the event. The manager was very interested in attending the event in September. Mr. Langdon explained how the public can register to show their EV's by choosing "participate" on the website. As previously stated, once vehicle owners register their vehicle on the website the information will be public which will garner more attention for the event.

Mr. Langdon and Ms. Nall-Langdon also shared the ways in which they are marketing the event. There is a posting on the Patch, and a blog post on the library website (<https://hamdenlibrary.org/electric-vehicles-in-connecticut/>). They will also be sending out press releases prior to the event date.

## Adjournment

Mr. Rosenthal asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was put forth by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Cooper. The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

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