

# Energy Use & Climate Change Commission

Monday, August 9th, 2021 7pm

## Attendance

### Commission Members

Lawrence Rosenthal – *Chair* Brendan Smith- *Vice Chair*  
Alison Demaio, Henry Dynia, Martin Mador, Susan Kulis, David Cooper, Tim McKee

### Others in Attendance

Bob Langdon, Beva Nall-Langdon, Gary Lane, Sheri Borrelli, Tom Cariglio, John DiModica  
Ryan Keeler–*Commission Clerk*

## Agenda

### Call to Order

Mr. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

### Approval of July 12th, 2021 Minutes

Mr Smith motioned to approve the July 12 minutes. Ms Demaio seconded. Minutes approved.

### Public Comment of Agenda Items

There were no public comments

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## United Illuminating-Community Partnership for Energy Efficiency Engagement

Ms Borrelli explained Community Partnership for Energy Efficiency Engagement and that Hamden has been a great partner. Hamden has been at the front of home energy solutions and EnergizeCT. Opportunities need to be identified and goals set for a plan design and application.

Mr Rosenthal asked about RFP(request for proposal) format. Ms Borrelli mentioned the EnergizeCT community partnership website and a downloadable and fillable application document. It may be possible to provide word or PDF formatted documents directly. Grants and MOU(memorandum of understanding) have been awarded to Hamden in the past. Deadline has been extended to October 1st, 2021, 5pm. Mr Cooper asked for examples or if the program is new. Ms Borrelli explained that it is new but gave several examples of energy efficiency opportunities. Ms Kulis asked about the schools. Ms Borrelli explained that the program has do with education and outreach rather than school infrastructure. Mr Rosenthal asked about marketing materials. Ms Borrelli mentioned that UI can provide various materials. Mr Mador

asked about who submits the application. Ms Borrelli said that the Commission can submit the application. An endorsement from the town government would be helpful, like a letter from the mayor. Additional funding can be awarded to underserved or distressed communities. Work must be completed within one year of being awarded the grant money. Mr Rosenthal asked about residential solar installation as an energy efficiency goal. Ms Borrelli mentioned that overall energy efficiency is the first place to begin. The earlier the application is received, the higher the likelihood of approval. Ms Borrelli will provide data to help determine Hamden's goals. Mr Cariglio introduced himself as the UI account manager with the town of Hamden and went over a few projects around town.

### Bob & Beva Langdon 9/25 Hamden EV Event

Mr Langdon provided updates on the EV event. Additional EV owners and dealers have registered. 10 yard signs are available and will go out the week of the event. Mrs Langdon updated that marketing will be online and in print on a broader scale than previous years. Press release will be sent to publications weeks before the event. Manufacturer from Branford, Spark Cycleworks, will bring E-bike and E-moped.

Mr Cooper will get more information on EV of Connecticut. Mr Mador will assist.

### New Business

Mr Smith broke down the Bicycle Friendly Community program, which measures how accommodating a community is for biking. A bicycle club would be a good contact. Silver or even Bronze certification is a long shot as things currently stand. Mrs Kulis brought up the possibility of grants but it is unclear if that is possible. Commissioners debated the challenges of Hamden's car-centric design.

### Adjournments

Mr Cooper motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm. Mrs Demaio seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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