



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT ENERGY USE AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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The **Energy Use and Climate Change**, Town of Hamden, held a **Regular Meeting** on Monday September at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Recording link of Zoom Meeting is below.

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Commissioners in attendance: Brendan Smith, David Cooper, Henry Dynia

Staff in attendance: Robert Velez

Residents in attendance: No Residents were in attendance

1. Call to Order:

- a. Commissioner Smith called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM

2. Attendance/Roll Call:

- a. Brendan Smith, Henry Dynia, and David Cooper were in attendance which gave a quorum.

3. February and March minutes not yet available for review/approval

- a. February and March Minutes have not yet been approved. The clerk for this commission will look into the matter to see if the minutes can be found and what the next steps may be.

4. Public Comment:

- a. There was no public comment.

5. Correspondence:

- a. There was no correspondence.

6. Executive Session:

- a. There was no need for an executive session.

7. Old Business

- a. Bicycle Friendly Community Application Review and Submittal - Review with Stephen White to finalize for fall submission – Brendan

- i. The deadline for the Bicycle Friendly Community Application occurred at the end of August.
 - 1. Need input from Stephen White.
 - 2. Education is extremely important, and commissioner smith has not found educational materials on biking in Hamden. This includes adult education programs.
 - 3. Commissioner Smith will try to reach out to the Mayor's office for the proper path to encourage education on bicycles.
 - 4. Without a strong education program, it will be impossible to receive an award.
 - 5. There will be another opportunity in the spring.
 - 6. Stephen White is improving the infrastructure for biking.
 - 7. David Cooper suggested that the commission reach out to Stephen White and offer an invitation to their next meeting.
- b. Earth Day Table – It didn't come together this year, but we could brainstorm on next year – Brendan and commissioners
 - i. This table did not come together this past spring.
 - ii. Could work together with Solid Waste and Recycling or another commission to create a table.
 - iii. Commissioner Cooper asked if the commission has some supplies for tabling or if there is a space where they are being kept in the town offices.
- c. Discussion of Charging Stations throughout Town – Question to Laurie
 - i. Commissioner Smith suggested Steve White could be asked if there is a plan in place regarding auto charging stations. There is no other business to discuss until more input is gathered from Steven White.
- d. Street Lights – Is there an update? - Question to Laurie
 - i. There is no update on this topic currently.
 - ii. Commissioner Cooper commented that car companies and the federal government have spoken on this topic. He mentions that faster chargers will be available for sale of certain types of electric vehicles.
- e. NORESKO Investment Grade Audit – Do we know why this fell through? - Question to Laurie
 - i. There was no update on the NORESKO Investment Grade Audit.

8. New Business

- a. New Charter Rule – No more than 2 commissioners per voting district?
 - i. Commissioner Cooper asked how the commission could attract talent for new commissioners.
- b. Municipal Energy Plan Discussion and Development – Larry, Brendan and Commissioners
 - i. Larry created a municipal energy planning guide that was brought to the legislative council.
 - ii. The legislative council voted in that document and the legislative council is now looking for document to use in the SustainableCT Application.
 - iii. Sustainable CT – Is the new Administration working on it or do we need to pick up the thread?
 - 1. Mayor Garrett did reach out to commissioner Smith and Larry.

- c. Municipal Composting – Check in with Alice at Solid Waste and Recycling?
 - i. Commissioner Smith has tied this topic in with attending other meetings.
 - ii. Commissioner Smith has spoken about the usefulness on learning from and working with other commissions.
- d. EUCC Commissioners attend other commission meetings?
 - i. Commissioner Smith asked the commissioners if they find useful commissions to sit on, to let him know.
 - ii. The commissioners would like to learn how other commissions are functioning.
 - iii. One suggestion from Commissioner Smith is listening in on the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission.

9. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn, commissioner Dynia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.