

This special meeting of the Clean Energy Commission was conducted as a virtual meeting. Members of the public may view a recording the meeting on West Hartford Community Interactive, https://www.whctv.org/

November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Meeting Mintues**

## 1. Meeting Opening

- a. Call to order 7:09 PM
- b. Roll Call -
  - Commissioners: Joe Campanella, Catherine Diviney, Max DuBuisson, Chris Nelson, Bernard Pelletier, James Capella Missing – Robert Palmer, Dave Mello.
  - Members of the Public: Christine Feely, Hendree Milward, Stephen Sack, West Hartford Community TV
- c. Approval of of Minutes October 6, 2020 Approved 6-0
- 2. Old Business
  - a. Energy Plan Draft, https://www.westhartfordct.gov/resident-services/cleanenergy/comprehensive-energy-plan
    - Commission approved the plan 6-0, subject to input from Matt Hart the Town Manager. In addition it was agreed that the Plan would be sent to Todd Dumais (West Hartford Planner), Ben Wenograd (Town Council), the Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission, the Conservation and Environment Commission, and the Human Rights Commission.
    - A brief discussion of the plan was held:
      - A section describing what the plan is and is not was added
      - A section describing what is meant by "Clean Energy" was added
      - o A weblink to a discussion of Bio Heat was proposed
    - If all feedback is received in time for the December meeting, final approval may be possible

- 3. New Business
  - a. 2021 Meeting Dates Approved 6-0, after modifications for holidays. Attached.
  - b. Commission Membership / New Officers Discussion
    - Commission needs to include a member of the Republican party Stephen Sack volunteered and his name will be forwarded to Lee Gold (Republican minority leader on the Town Council)
    - Bernie would like to continue as president. Catherine would like to be replace as secretary.
    - Bernie also discussed willingness of members to attend and champion action items from the new Energy Plan.
  - c. Public Art & EV Chargers Stephanie Bahramian approached the WHCEC about working on a program that would work with the Arts Commission on painting Electric Vehicle Charging Stations as a way to make the spaces attractive and engaging. Stephanie works for the Town of Bloomfield as Environmental Planner, but lives in WH.
- 4. Reports
  - a. Catherine described the towns progress on a range of energy activities. She also discussed the steps that the Town is taking to deal with Covid19 in town buildings and how those have an impact on increasing energy consumption due to increased ventilation requirements, but are offset by reduced occupancy and limited weekend use in the schools, and some continued town building closures.
- 5. Public Comment
  - a. Mr. Sack proposed adding a reference to BioHeat to the plan on the Resources page.
- 6. Ajourment 8:35 PM

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In compliance with Section 1-225 of the Connecticut General Statutes the following is a listing of dates of the regular meetings of the\_Clean Energy Commission\_\_\_\_\_\_(Name of Board or Commission)

MONTH	DATE/DATES	TIME & PLACE OF MEETING
JANUARY 2021	27 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
FEBRUARY	24 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
MARCH	24 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
APRIL	28 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
MAY	26 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
JUNE	23 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
JULY	28 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
AUGUST	25 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
SEPTEMBER	22 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
OCTOBER	27 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
NOVEMBER	17 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
DECEMBER	15 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual
JANUARY 2022	26 W	7 -9 PM, Room 422 or virtual

Yours very truly,

Burrene Pelleten

, Chairman

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, Secretary

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