

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, Meeting Room #111 City Hall
September 19, 2024 Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn, Commissioners Thomas Hick, Greg Klimek, Tom Ragaini (zoom), and Sheldon Scott (zoom).

ABSENT: Commissioner Derek Jones.

ALSO PRESENT: Facilities Manager David Oakes (zoom), Council Member Mark Dickau, Christina D'Amato of Energy Resources.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Dunn reminded the Commission that Sustainability Resiliency Week is from September 22 to 29, 2024 and SustainabilityCT has webinars offered throughout their website.

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes.

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Motion made by Commissioner Klimek and seconded by Commissioner Hick and it was unanimously voted to approve the July 18, 2024 minutes.

Motion passed.

4. Updates by Dave Oakes – Public Facilities & Energy Manager.

- SustainableCT – The results should be available by the end of the month. Dave reminded everyone of the awards ceremony on Wednesday November 13, 2024 at the Katherine Hepburn Theater in Old Saybrook.
- The LED lighting upgrade project at Beals started on Monday September 16th. 51 High Street and Fire House #2 are next.
- The final scoping studies for Beals and the Police Station will be done by the end of the week.
- Eversource has been in contact with the Board of Education to make sure they're taking advantage of all the available incentives given all of the upgrades they did this year.
- Dave and the Commission briefly discussed the status of the ACO Building and NEMS upgrades.

5. Energy Resources Presentation

Christina D'Amato of Energy Resources provided the Commission with an overview of her background and Energy Resources. They were in contact with the Parks Department several years ago, and they've been trying to reengage with the City. They would also like the opportunity to assess at least one school in the system and put together a proposal for a positive cash flow project. Christina provided an example of a current project they are working on in East Hampton and then reviewed the Muzzy Field

proposal that was provided to the Parks Department a couple years ago. Sean suggested that Christina get in contact with Dave Oakes, Ray Rogozinski and Pete Fusco.

6. Energy Plan Edits

Chairman Dunn provided an update on the Commission's work so far. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the existing plan and its three pillars (Residential/Commercial/Municipal). The Commission would like to edit the plan in a way that focuses more on tangible goals and is easier to get out to Bristol residents and businesses. Upcoming workshops were scheduled for October 1st, 15th, and 29th.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Klimek seconded by Commissioner Hick "To adjourn". Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*