

**Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 21, 2022 Meeting**

PRESENT: Sean Dunn, Dave Butkus, Karen Hintz, Tom Ragaini,
Jack Ferraro and Sheldon Scott on Zoom

ABSENT: Jeff Andrade

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Olsen, Council Liaison and Dave Oakes.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2022

Commissioner Ragaini made a motion seconded by Commissioner Butkus to approve the March 17, 2022 minutes. Motion approved.

4. Dave Oakes:

A spreadsheet was put together year to date, \$58,930 has been received in rebates from utilities, \$14,012 received fiscal year to date. Dave has reached out regarding internship/fellowship opportunities. The City's SustainableCT status will be up for renewal. Sean is suggesting Public Works hire an intern for summer, Tunxis or other local college may have opportunities available as summer. Portfolio Manager should also be updated as well.

Sean stated the Task Force would like to see the consumption rates at the Boulevard, Dave stated as soon as the meter is live the data will update into Portfolio Manager.

5. Energy Plan – Next Steps

Chairman Dunn discussed conversations with Justin Malley, for the Energy Commission/ECD to work with local business on energy projects. The Energy Commission can aid in business development and possibly provide grants for businesses. The Commission discussed developing criteria to develop eligibility for business retention and business eligibility, coordinating with ECD. Sheldon discussed assisting existing businesses verse new businesses.

Discussion was held about working with the Chamber of Commerce at business events to develop conversations with ECD, CT Green Bank and the Energy Commission to work with local business. Sean stated the first business would be Quality Wire, which the Commission is going to visit and hopefully work with. Sean has spoken to the Mayor regarding these ideas, the Energy Commission has always

been envisioned as a cost reduction vehicle, assisting to keep the mill rate down and now reaching out to businesses.

Jackie provided an update to the City Council last month, and Sean will attend a future meeting to provide further updates.

6. Adjournment

*Commissioner Ragaini made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ragaini to “adjourn” at 8:11 p.m.
Motion approved.*

Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary