



Regular Meeting of the Energy Commission
July 17, 2025- 7:00 PM
Meeting Room #111

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Participation
3. Purchasing Department Updates.
4. Approval of Minutes
 - June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting
5. Updates by Dave Oakes - Public Facilities & Energy Manager.
6. Energy Plan Edits
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Per Order of the Chairperson

Sean Dunn

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INFORMATION TO JOIN MEETING

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Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, Meeting Room #111 City Hall
June 12, 2025 Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn (Zoom), Commissioners Jason DeConti (Zoom), Thomas Hick, Greg Klimek, Thomas Ragaini, Sheldon Scott.

ABSENT: Board of Education Liaison Eric Carlson and Council Member Mark Dickau

ALSO PRESENT: Facilities Manager David Oakes (Zoom).

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None.

Motion made by Commissioner Hick and seconded by Commissioner Ragaini and it was unanimously voted to move item 5 Approval of the Minutes to immediately follow item 2.

Motion passed.

3. Approval of the Minutes.

- April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Klimek and seconded by Commissioner Ragaini and it was unanimously voted to approve the April 17, 2025 minutes as written.

Motion passed.

4. Discussion regarding updates to the DPW Tree Policy.

Public Works Director, Raymond Rogozinski, provided the Commission with proposed changes to the existing Tree Policy that would address the issue of removing healthy trees in the City right of way for the purpose of installing solar. Chairman Dunn provided the Commission with an overview of the environmental and economic value of common trees as well as the value to the homeowner if they remove the trees to install solar. According to Ray, these requests have been increasing over the years and they have not allowed anyone to remove trees so far. He would like the Energy Commission and Board of Public Works to submit their feedback on the proposed policy. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the costs and benefits of removing healthy trees for residents to install solar. The Commission felt that these requests should be handled on a case-by-case basis rather than creating a blanket policy. Chairman Dunn will write a summary of the Commission's comments/discussion and forward them to Ray.

5. Eversource NRES Energy Auction Discussion.

Adam Teff has been in contact with Chairman Dunn regarding the projects that were approved at the spring auction and confirmed that the projects that were not approved will be brought to the fall auction. Based on new legislation, the State will now be able to participate in the auctions so it will likely

be a more competitive process in the future. Titan continues to monitor the impacts of tariff and federal legislation on these projects.

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

- The LED upgrade project at the City Yard has been completed. This project was funded through the Block Grant and cost approximately \$38k. The remaining funds from the grant will be used for Parks Department projects.
- Two waste oil heaters were replaced at the City Yard.
- A mud drum replacement was recently completed at the PD. Dave is hopeful that it will last 3-5 years until the Police Department is renovated or moved.
- The 30 Hope Street Garage is being opened. There is an elevator which adds to the City Maintenance Department's responsibilities and energy consumption. There are ten EV charging station in the new garage.
- The Parks Department will be moving back into City Hall. There are ongoing discussions regarding the movement of documents and storage.
- Chairman Dunn asked if we are anticipating any rebates. Dave stated that there are none right now, but there will likely be rebates available when the Animal Control Facility renovations start.

7. Energy Plan Edits

Chairman Dunn has been editing the Micro Grant Application to fit the Energy Efficiency Fund grants. He will be meeting with ECD in the near future to get the EEF Form on their All-Heart Website. The Commission briefly reviewed the edits.

8. Old Business

The Board of Education approved the LED lighting project at their June meeting and RLE will start meeting with Peter Fusco. Vice Chairman Scott noted the importance of the City and BOE taking advantage of all the incentives Eversource has to offer.

9. New Business

Chairman Dunn informed the Commission that the Board of the Carousel Museum has taken an interest in lowering their operational costs so they will be reaching out to the Energy Commission in the near future. They are reaching out to CPACE and CT Green Bank as well.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*