

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting, Bristol Public Library – Meeting Room #3
October 20, 2022 Meeting

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Dunn, Commissioners Dave Butkus (Zoom), Derek Jones, and Tom Ragaini.

ABSENT: Commissioners Jeff Andrade, Karen Hintz, and Sheldon Scott

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Oakes, Facilities Manager

Jaqueline Olsen, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Ragaini seconded by Commissioner Butkus "To approve the minutes from September 15, 2022." Motion approved.

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

Dave Oakes provided the following updates:

- The Energy Efficiency Fund Project at Fire House 4 is complete. This will help with lowering energy consumption.
- The City will be going out for a pre bid meeting for the electrical system and generator at Fire House 5. They will be doing the same thing for the air conditioner at Fire House 2. It is anticipated that there will be supply chain issues.
- Sustainable CT- Dave attended an EV charging station seminar and will be talking with the City about electric vehicles. Several members from the City has committed to attending the DEI training through Sustainable CT. The absences from the training last week will not impact the City's standing. Dave also stated that he attended the Board of Public Works meeting earlier this evening to educate the board members on Sustainable CT. There will be a certification awards ceremony next month where they will announce the criteria for gold standing.
- Dave suggested that the Commission partner with the Economic and Community Development Department to reach out to local businesses regarding C-PACE projects.
- The City has been converting many of the old style boiler to new condensing boilers. They are working on all City Buildings especially with renovations.

5. Energy Plan – Next Steps

- Chairman Dunn spoke with Rob Longo of the Water Department regarding fuel cells and he has been supportive with these efforts.
- Chairman Dunn suggested that Storm Water Trust could be incorporated in the City's Sustainable CT efforts.

6. Energy Efficiency Fun Grants Discussion

Chairman Dunn reported that the Board of Finance has approved the distribution of the funds. The Purchasing Department is helping the grant winners with finding the engineering companies to help with the projects.

Shepard Meadows already has a design for their project and the grant will help them get an analysis. Rich Farms is looking into ground source heat pumps for refrigeration. The Commission will continue to work with the Economic and Community Development Department to find business that could benefit from these grants.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Ragaini seconded by Commissioner Jones "To adjourn". Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

*Lindsey Schaffrick
Recording Secretary*