

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
ENERGY USE AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION**

**(Via Zoom/Telephonically)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission took place on Monday, January 11, 2021, via Zoom/telephonically.

Attending: Lawrence Rosenthal, Chair; Brendan Smith, Vice Chair; Alison DeMaio; Susan Kulis, Martin Mador; Henry Dynia; and David Cooper. **Also in attendance:** Kathleen Schomaker, Energy Efficiency Coordinator; Timothy McKee; Bob Langdon; and Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission.

1. **Call to Order (roll call):** Chairman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. The roll call was held and a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of December 14, 2020 Minutes:** Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion. Mr. Mador motioned to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting as amended. Mr. Dynia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment of Agenda Items:** Nothing was added or changed.
4. **Energy Efficiency Coordinator Report: K. Schomaker**
 - a. Updates discussion on EVSE work specifically including Commissioner Module Assignments – A commissioner noted a 350kw charging station is being installed between Whitney and Dixwell Avenues. Mr. Langdon believes these are rapid chargers. A photo was shown where Tesla installed e-charging stations at the Skiff and Dixwell shopping center. Ms. Schomaker said the town needs to determine where in Hamden the e-charging stations are needed and those areas are to benefit all residents and businesses in Hamden. We should take this topic up with the “toolkit group,” and we should know on Wednesday, January 13th at the next round table meeting. Ms. Schomaker agreed to give Mr. Rosenthal the next set of meetings with this organization. She gave an update regarding the EVSE equipment and noted we need to determine whether it is in the best interest and more economical to own or lease.
 - b. EVSE Preparation work needed for submittal in package to Sustainable Connecticut – addressed later this evening.
 - c. Street Light Summary with Legislative Council Wrap-Up as of November 2, 2020 – It was noted that Mr. Walter Morton spoke to the Legislative Council and noted the RFP is in the development stage and postponed the audit.

- d. Introduction to Complete Street – Brief Overview – The engineering department is going through a training and will need to go forward with a new ordinance. She suggested the EUCC to assist with the drafting of the ordinance.
- e. Status with Mayor's Office on approval of candidates for EUCC – Ms. Schomaker noted the Mayor is submitting the candidates for appointments to the Legislative Council at the next meeting.

5. Old Business:

- a. EVSE Charging Station Update – B. Smith, L. Rosenthal (previously discussed.)
- b. Discuss of Deep Dive Planning and Commissioner Assignment Work for Sustainability Connecticut

Mr. Smith asked if those commissioners who attended some of the module classes would give a summary or overview. Ms. Schomaker gave an overview of those module classes she attended. The commission highlighted the importance of the local school bus company (First Student) provide e-buses. It was noted that First Student applied for grant funding for e-buses. Ms. Schomaker said the town will look to replace the town vehicles with e-vehicles. Another module is parking and enforcement. The police department's parking lot was repainted to accommodate e-vehicles and there is a plan to evaluate the parking spaces in the town for charging stations and noting the time limitation for charging.

Zoning module – P and Z has to embed the e-cars to the town's records. Ms. Schomaker reached out to the PnZ commission to consider working on this project with EUCC.

Mr. Rosenthal inquired about future funding for the program. Ms. Schomaker claims our connection and keeping ourselves visible with the Live Green Connecticut will allow us to learn of future opportunities. Live Green Connecticut monitors grant and funding opportunities and will lookout for the municipalities. She emphasized that all departments of the town need to be included for the future of the renewal energy.

6. New Business:

- a. Complete Street / Scope of EUCC 2021 Involvement, General Introduction – B. Smith mentioned Live Green Connecticut is holding this training. Mr. Smith noted we had a conversation with Mark Atkins at the town regarding the program. It is a holistic plan to incorporate pedestrian, vehicles, walkability issues, trees and walkways, etc.
- b. Vision of Complete Street / General Discussion – L. Rosenthal noted a few cities and towns in Connecticut have incorporated the Complete Street

program. He would like a few members to join him to tour one or two of the towns.

At 8:47 p.m. Ms. Schomaker withdrew from the meeting.

c. Update on next steps – nothing to present.

7. Adjournment: Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dynia motioned to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kulis. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission