

Energy Use & Climate Change Commission

Monday, September, 13th 2021 7pm

Attendance

Commission Members

Lawrence Rosenthal – *Chair* Brendan Smith- *Vice Chair*

Alison Demaio, Henry Dynia, Martin Mador, Susan Kulis, David Cooper, Tim McKee

Others in Attendance

Bob Langdon, Beva Nall-Langdon

Ryan Keeler–*Commission Clerk*

Agenda

Call to Order

Mr Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Approval of August 9th, 2021 Minutes

Mr Smith motioned to accept the minutes. Mr Dynia seconded. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment of Agenda Items

There were no public comments

Bob Langdon & Beva Nall-Langdon 9/25 Hamden EV Event Discussion and Assignments

Ms Nall-Langdon began the presentation by explaining the days events. Mr Langdon began the powerpoint in more detail. At least 3 people will be needed to arrive early and set up tables and tents. Mr Langdon showed a birds eye view of the parking lot at Miller Library in order to show where the setups will be. Two groups of people are needed to set up marketing displays. Pandemic safety measures should apply such as masking and sanitizing. At least 1 person should be at the entrance. Visitors should park closer to the library. 2 people are needed at the information table. At 3pm people are needed to take things down and pack up. Mr Smith, Mr Rosenthal, Ms Demaio, Mr Cooper, Mr Kulis, and Mr McKee are attending to help.

Energy Efficiency Summary-Status Update on Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Ms Demaio and Ms Kulis notified the commission that the Bicycle Friendly Community Application has been submitted officially. Definitive information should be acquired by

November. An award can be displayed by the town if achieved. Ms Demaio and Mr Kulis cautioned that the town has a great deal more work to do to meet the real standards of Bike Friendly Communities. Mr Rosenthal asked to raise questions to gain more certainty on guidelines on 15-20 possible indicators. A debate ensued on Hamden streets and bike signs/bike lanes. Some commissioners felt that professional guidance may prove useful in planning future bicycle infrastructure while also wanting to lean on bicycle groups and local communities first. Automobile traffic violations and excess speed currently presents a very real challenge in Hamden.

New Business

Community Partnership in Energy Efficiency Engagement Application has a long and detailed plan for submittal. Mr Rosenthal is working on it and will update next month.

Hydrogen Energy for Automobiles

Mr Dynia went over some history and current information on hydrogen fuel as a share of our renewable energy sources. A fuel cell generates an electric current by converting the energy from a chemical reaction, typically hydrogen(fuel) and oxygen(air) into water vapor and the excess energy into electricity.

Adjournment

At 8:48 Mr Cooper motioned to adjourn, Mr Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned.
