

HAMDEN ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION

(via Zoom/Telephonically)
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission took place on Monday, October 12, 2020, via Zoom/telephonically.

Attending: Lawrence Rosenthal, chair; David Cooper, Alison DeMaio; Henry Dynia; Susan Kulis; Martin Mador; and Kathleen Schomaker, Energy Efficiency Coordinator. **Absent:** Brendan Smith. **Also in attendance:** Guests: Robert and Beva Langdon; and Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll Call was held, and it was noted that a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of minutes:** Mr. Rosenthal requested a **motion** to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Ms. Kulis motioned to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 as corrected. Mr. Dynia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Public comment of agenda items:** No one present, nothing to note.
- 4. Review of the EV Exhibit:** Mr. Rosenthal gave a summary of the EV exhibit that was held last month. Mr. Smith noted there was good attendance, considering the pandemic. There were a few less exhibitors and because of the pandemic, no test drives were permitted.

Mr. Rosenthal mentioned the tri-states (Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey) have agreed to put in place 125,000 electric cars by the year 2025. One topic for the buyers is the availability of charging stations.

- 5. Energy Efficiency Coordinator's Report:** Mr. Rosenthal gave a few updates in Ms. Schomaker's absence.
 - a. The EVSE commentary – three commissioners have gone online to review the modules. The EUCC Commission will be the primary lead for this program for the town. The Commission will submit a letter to go before planning and zoning and the Mayor. Ms. Schomaker and Mr. Rosenthal would like everyone to register to attend

the modules. He noted that 100 plus people from 35 towns attended the first module.

This Thursday at 1:00 p.m. is an important meeting for the EVSE program. Mr. Rosenthal will send the link for the program to everyone. A schedule of the modules was shared via email. There is a total of 12 modules and there are 8 more modules remaining for us to attend. Mr. Rosenthal noted some of the upcoming requirements for an assessment that will be needed to complete the municipal readiness program. Mr. Mador recommended the Commission contact Ms. Pam Roach from SCRCOG.

Lastly, it was suggested to put together a team to address the criteria for the future of the EV charging stations. The team will look into contacting auto dealerships and United Illuminating and make recommendations where the charging stations should be located in Hamden.

Mr. Rosenthal requested two or more members of the Commission register and attend a few the modules. The town is preparing the documents to submit a grant to the VW Foundation for the EV charging stations.

- b. Street Light United Illuminating / Hamden Contract – In summary, Attorney B. Sharkey is wrapping up the contract with United Illuminating. United Illuminating will provide the fixtures and bulbs. Tanko will be invited to bid on the RFP. A committee will be formed to evaluate the program and bids. The Commission believes the agreement is for 3,000 kelvin bulb lamps.
- c. Energy Award Program – Due to Dale Kroop’s retirement, the Commissioners decided to hold off on the awards application until they are introduced to his replacement.
- d. NORESKO / Energy Audit Status Update – The energy audit will be performed to those town-owned properties. We believe they will conduct energy audits four or five buildings: the town center, Miller library, one school building. Then the remainder of the town properties.

6. Old Business:

- a. Green Awards Program Update – As mentioned before the Commission will temporarily hold the program due to D. Kroop’s retirement.
- b. EUCC Fall/Winter/Spring Project Priorities – Mr. Rosenthal received confirmation of the following energy programs that the Mayor would like us to work on over the next year.

1. The EVSE program.
2. Continue the Municipal Energy Plan – this will require two or three members of the Commission to work on this plan.
 - Work on the two-page executive summary for the municipal energy plan, which will be presented to the Mayor.
 - Four to five-page presentation to the legislative council (part of the master plan).
3. The Master Plan – this plan goes to sustainable Connecticut for review. The plan is approximately 6% complete.

Alison DeMaio, Susan Kulis and Brendan Smith agreed to help work on the above.

- c. MEP Directions and Team Assembly – Mr. Rosenthal was given the go ahead to put forth the microgrid for the town of Hamden. It was agreed to contact the town of Fairfield to inquire about their microgrid. Ms. Kulis and Messrs. Dynia and Rosenthal agreed to work together and maybe meet with the energy department in Fairfield.

The paperwork for the microgrid is to build sustainability for the town. Mr. Rosenthal has three or four expert people to help with this project, and the town will look to get funding for green technology.

New Business: Nothing to present.

Item(s) to address – The Commission would like to find more members to join the Commission and to recommend to the Mayor’s office. Mr. Rosenthal proposed the Commissioners present names for consideration, and he will forward to Mayor Leng.

Adjournment: Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. DeMaio motioned to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. and was seconded by Ms. Kulis. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Patrice A. LeMoine

Clerk for the Hamden Energy Use and
Climate Change Commission