

# HAMDEN ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION

(via Zoom/Telephonically)  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of  
November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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A regular meeting of the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission took place on Monday, November 9, 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: Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mr. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll Call was held, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Mador requested to present a letter for the Connecticut Energy Network. He presented a motion to approve the letter addressed to Governor Ned Lamont for the town's interest to apply for Connecticut Energy Network program. This is a general request and later the town would request expenses incurred under this program to be paid by the governor. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners agreed the letter can go out and revisit the letter at the December meeting. We will resubmit the letter if the Commissioners amend the document. Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion. Ms. Kulis motioned to approve the letter as presented and was seconded by Mr. Cooper. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 as corrected. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Correspondence/Public comment of agenda items:** No one present, nothing to note.

Correspondence – A proposed meeting schedule for 2021 was presented for approval. The Board agreed to review the dates and confirm by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 4. Roll-out discussion for EVSE Module #1-08, 2020 with Bob and Beva Langdon.** Will be discussed at the December meeting.
- 5. Energy Efficiency Coordinator's Report:** Ms. Schomaker gave a few updates.
  - The EVSE Module Assignments – Ms. Schomaker and Mrs. Rosenthal reviewed the module assignments with the Commissioners. She gave a summary of the support that is required to accomplish this EVSE program. For this project, the leadership team consists of members from a few town departments, support from Bob and Beva Evans and members of the EUCC Commission. She has been meeting with Rick Rosa, a representative from United Illuminating regarding the readiness study.

The modules provide good background information, data and there is homework to be completed, which Ms. Schomaker has completed. Ms. Schomaker requested members of the Commission to volunteer their time to contact a number of organizations to confirm their interest to be part of the EV program in Hamden and to receive a name of contact. A few examples are Quinnipiac University, Whitney Center.

The members of the EUCC Commission are invited to attend the meeting with the Traffic Commission. She will be preparing for the parking and enforcement and destination parking, where Mr. Rosenthal asked if anyone from the Commission would like to attend the meeting. Ms. Schomaker would like the Commission to review the presentation prior to the meeting. Mr. Cooper offered to work with her and assist with answering questions at the night of the meeting, and so will Mr. Rosenthal.

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.

- b. Street Light United Illuminating / Hamden Contract – In summary, there will be two street light agreements; one, is the street light system upgrade; and two, a smaller upgrade system (not primary street lights; i.e., decoration, flood and field lights). The may is to sign-off on both agreements and this will be a savings of approximately \$400,000 to the town per year. She explained that of the 933 street lights, the town will be responsible for 212 street lights and the balance, which is 721 are considered private property (the town does not own). The town will need to sign-off on the upgrade agreement and there is not much to do with the municipal street light program. The GIS coordinator gave Ms. Schomaker an overview of those private street lights and the lights that are privately owned. The 212 street lights fixtures are current with LED lighting. The town has issued an RFP for the street light audit and we will save some money as the GIS coordinator is providing some of the services.

NORESCO contract – The building audit (for town-owned properties) is on hold for the time being. There is a need for education those appropriate departments and a need to hold an informational and education workshop(s) to the legislative council and finance team.

## **6. Old Business:**

- a. EVSE Charging Station Update – L. Rosenthal and B. Smith noted that all members of the EUCC Commission agreed to participate in a many modules, but we need to complete the EVSE module final and need to agree not to field and solicit other organizations, including faith-based communities.

Mr. Smith and Ms. DeMaio agreed to participate in modules 5 and 6 for permits and zoning.

Ms. Schomaker and Mr. Rosenthal will need to meet with Ms. DeMaio and Mr. Smith to go over the slide presentations.

Ms. Kulis will participate in module 10 for school buses and transit buses. Ms. Schomaker provided her with some information regarding First Student Bus Company and she gave her the contact information for First Student.

For module 12, which is first responders, Mr. Dynia agreed to attend, which is December 10.

Mr. Cooper agreed to attend modules 12 and then module 10 with Ms. Kulis.

Module 9 is workplace charging and is on November 12. Ms. Schomaker noted that when you register to attend the modules, you can later view the recording of the module. The EVSE Help System is holding a training session on Tuesday, November 16. Someone needs to register and then follow-up on the next make-up date for this module.

The VW Foundation is with a trust fund administrator on behalf of the state of Connecticut. Ms. Schomaker and Mr. Rosenthal will work on this project together.

- b. MEP Update discussion – was tabled until the next meeting.

At 8:35 p.m. Ms. Schomaker withdrew from the meeting.

**New Business:** Nothing to present.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Rosenthal requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooper motioned to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. and was seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:** December 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Patrice A. LeMoine*

Clerk for the Hamden Energy Use and  
Climate Change Commission