

Energy Commission
Minutes of Special Meeting
September 19, 2019
City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Karen Hintz, Dave Butkus, Tom Ragaini, Sheldon Scott and Dennis Siriani
ABSENT: Sean Dunn and Jennifer Arasimowicz

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Rogozinski, Public Works Director and Orlando Calfe, Board of Finance Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Karen Hintz called the meeting to order 7:01 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of the Minutes
a. August 15, 2019 Regular Meeting

Tom Ragaini made a motion seconded by Dave Butkus to approve the minutes from August 15, 2019.

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

Ray Rogozinski provided updates from Dave Oakes, who was not present at the meeting.

SustainableCT 2019 application submitted on 8/30/19, results of filing will not be known until November.

Updated related to the Board of Education were sent out in advance of the meeting from Dave:

Dave was able to submit rebate applications for two new hot water supply boiler projects at both High Schools with Eversource and we will be getting back \$12,800 for each installation (\$25,600 in total)

Lindsey Rivers is going great work with garden installations at numerous schools which help to foster sustainable life choices and decision making in the future leaders of the City.

ELC conducted a lighting audit on BEHS during August and will be creating a proposal for LED lighting upgrades.

Lindsey and Dave are beginning the process to propose a pilot test for re-usable cafeteria trays, which would hopefully phase out single-use Styrofoam trays and reduce waste generation

5. Energy Audit Process Update

The City is in the process of gathering billing information for three years currently for City Buildings. Dave is also obtaining three years of BOE billing data for Eversource invoices. Ray stated Public Works Staff on light duty may be able to assist in the scanning process as well.

6. Evaluating Options to Create a Green Bank

At the last meeting the Committee discussed using the incentive rebate from the LED light project at the Main Library to start a Green Bank. However, after subsequent discussions because the rebate is going directly to the contractor and this was a bonded project for the City this will not be an option. Ray provided the Commission a Memo to providing an explanation of this.

7. Any other business

Karen stated Stafford School Roof Project is moving forward with solar panels with a 6.8 year payback on the project including state reimbursement. Tim Callahan works with Eversource on all projects to seek rebates for energy related school building projects.

8. Adjournment

Sheldon Scott made a motion seconded by Tom Ragaini "to adjourn" at 7:20 p.m.

*Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary*

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