

WINDHAM ENERGY COMMISSION

Minutes for Monday, April 11, 2016 Minutes

Windham Town Hall, 2nd floor Meeting Room, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

Voting Members Present: Elizabeth Ostwald, Jean de Smet, Grace Adams, Corey Krohn [arr. 6:13pm, dep. 7:15pm], Richard Bloomer; **Voting Members Absent:** Chris Mezzarone, **Voting Members Excused:** Tom Markland **Guests Present:** Douglas Lary **Staff Present:** James Finger, Town Planner; Dagmar Noll, Clerk **Public Present:** None

1. Call to order

Chair de Smet called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

2. Citizens & Delegations

None.

3. Review of Notes of March 14, 2016

E. Ostwald MOVED to accept the minutes of the 3/14/2016 meeting. R. Bloomer SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

4. Letter to Legislators

J. de Smet presented a draft letter to Rep. Johnson and Orange and Senator Flexor opposing any attempts to take funds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. R. Bloomer MOVED to send the letter. E. Ostwald SECONDED. [Corey Krohn arr.] Discussion. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

5. Anti-Fracking Waste Ordinance

D. Lary presented an ordinance “prohibiting the storage, disposal or use of waste from oil and gas exploration of extraction activities or and derivative thereof, in the town of Windham, CT.” Discussion about the potential effects of fracking waste disposal on a town like Windham and edits to the ordinance. The group is deleting section 5 and renumbering section 6 to section 5. This will be presented on Tuesday, April 11, to the Town Council Administration, Finance, Development & Health and Human Services Committee and the Town Council Public Safety, Public Works, Environment, Culture and Recreation Committee, respectively. There is a rally at 5pm at the Governor’s house on April 20th.

6. Updates on Micro-Grid

C. Krohn reported on the review of bids and interviews of the bidding firms.

7. Updates on Streetlights: review presentation to Town Council and the public

LED streetlight presentation by R. Bloomer. [C.Krohn depart] Discussion about options.

8. Next Agenda: Review of Benchmarking Report, questions for Celtic Energy, possibility of geothermal in schools

E. Ostwald reviewed the Benchmarking Report data. Discussion of building-specific graphs.

9. Town Planner James Finger Reports

J. Finger reported on C-PACE Financing, presenting projects in CT that are using the financing.

10. Citizens and Delegations

None.

Adjourn 8:02pm