

WINDHAM ENERGY COMMISSION

Minutes for Monday, April 25, 2016

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

Voting Members Present: Elizabeth Ostwald, Jean de Smet, Grace Adams, Richard Bloomer; Corey Krohn [arr. 6:15pm] **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 DeSmet called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

2. Citizens & Delegations

None.

3. Review of Notes of April 11, 2016

E. Ostwald MOVED to accept the minutes of the 4/11/2016 meeting. R. Bloomer SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

4. Proposal for a Fuel Cell in Windham

J. DeSmet opened discussion on the proposal for a fuel cell in Windham. [C. Krohn arr.] This proposal was received by the Windham Economic Development Department. Discussion about the costs, risks and benefits of the proposal. The Chair will draft a letter to the Windham Economic Development Director, the Windham Town Council, and the Chronicle, urging the Town to approach the proposal with caution and be negotiated, involving the Energy Commission in the process.

5. Review of Benchmarking Report, questions for Celtic Energy

J. DeSmet presented a letter from Town Engineer J. Gardner to Celtic Energy asking for their cost to update and fill out Town energy use data. Commission consensus was to ask the Windham Town Engineer to put out a proposal to update and maintain the portfolio over three years.

6. Updates on Streetlights

J. DeSmet reported on D. Bloomer's presentation to the Town Council. The Town Council was receptive.

7. Anti-Fracking Waste Ordinance

D. Lary reported on the presentation to the Town Council subcommittee on an Anti-Fracking Waste Ordinance. A draft has been submitted to the Windham Town Council.

8. Updates on Micro-Grid

None.

9. Next Agenda: Possibility of Geothermal in Schools

E. Ostwald reviewed the Benchmarking Report data. Building-by-building discussion.

9. Citizens and Delegations

None.

Adjourn 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Dagmar Noll, Recording Clerk