

WINDHAM ENERGY COMMISSION

Minutes for Monday, June 13, 2016

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

Voting Members Present: Jean de Smet, Grace Adams, Tom Markland, Corey Krohn **Voting Members Absent:** Chris Mezzarone **Voting Members Excused:** Elizabeth Ostwald; Richard Bloomer; **Guests Present:** Alex Fox, C-TECSOLAR **Staff Present:** Joe Gardner, Town Engineer; Dagmar Noll, Clerk **Public Present:** None

1. **Call to order** Chair de Smet called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. **Citizens & Delegations** None.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes of May 9, 2016**

Krohn MOVED to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting as revised. T. Markland SECONDED. In item #4, change the first three words to "FCE Fuel Cell". The position should read, "While the Fuel Cell proposal will save Windham taxpayers some money, this proposal is not the most beneficial to the environment as it uses natural gas as a fuel source. The Energy Commission recommends that the State develop solar power, hydro power, wind power and storage capacity as long-term solutions to the State's energy problems. The Windham Energy Commission would like to see any proposal that goes forward with DEEP and/or the CT Siting Council include public hearings." MOTION PASSED unanimously.

C. Krohn MOVED to add Consideration of Virtual Net Metering with Alex Fox, C-TECSOLAR; Energy Efficiency Fund; and Gas Mileage Evaluation at Public Works to the agenda and remove Review of Benchmarking Report, questions for Celtic Energy.. T. Markland SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

4. **Consideration of Virtual NET Metering with Alex Fox, C-TECSOLAR**

A. Fox presented Virtual NET Metering and how it would work in Windham. Discussion about Virtual NET Metering, Shared Solar and Community Solar. The Commission will look into town usage. J. DeSmet MOVED to strongly recommend the Town of Windham pursue Virtual NET Metering with C-TECSOLAR. C. Krohn SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

5. **Revised RFP on streetlights**

J. de Smet presented the RFQ drafted by herself and J. Gardner, Windham Town Planner. Discussion. C. Krohn MOVED to issue the RFQ. J. deSmet SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

6. **Energy Efficiency Fund**

J. deSmet noted that this fund had been mentioned for elimination during Town budget discussions.

7. **Updates on micro-grid**

C. Krohn noted that a contract has been selected for the electrical work and the roofing, respectively.

8. **Gas Mileage Evaluation at Public Works**

T. Markland will be going to Public Works early Tuesday morning to evaluate the gas mileage of the fleet.

9. **Letter to DEEP regarding Comprehensive Energy Strategy**

J. deSmet noted that June 14 is the deadline for submitting comments on the State of Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy Strategy and presented the Commission with a draft letter. Corey Krohn MOVED to accept the letter for submission to DEEP on behalf of the Windham Energy Commission. J. deSmet SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

10. **Citizens and Delegations** None.

11. **Adjournment** 8:05pm