

# WINDHAM ENERGY COMMISSION

## Minutes for Monday, September 12, 2016 Meeting

Windham Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT

1. **Call to Order** - J. de Smet called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. **Voting Members Present:** Jean de Smet, Tom Markland, Elizabeth Ostwald; Grace Adams; Corey Krohn (Arrived at: 6:23pm) **Voting Members Absent:** Chris Mezzarone, **Voting Members Excused:** Richard Bloomer, **Guests Present:** None **Staff Present:** Dagmar Noll, Clerk **Public Present:** None
2. **Citizens and Delegations** - None.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes of July 11, 2016**  
E. Ostwald MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Windham Energy Commission meeting. T. Markland SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
4. **Streetlight Recommendations**  
The Windham Town Council Committee on Public Safety, Public Works, Environment, Culture and Recreation will meet at 5:30p.m. at Kramer tomorrow night. The Energy Commission is not listed on the agenda, but members may speak on the streetlight project during public comment, specifically about addressing the current lighting gaps, decorative lighting, holiday lighting and other downtown lighting challenges at the same time the sidewalk project is implemented. [C. Krohn arrived.] Discussion about delaying the sidewalk contract work to get a professional streetscape designer involved who can work with the businesses and building owners about their needs, including remedying the aging sewage laterals. C. Krohn will call Tom DeVivo to urge him to consider postponing the sidewalk contract at least until spring to explore an overarching streetscape plan. C. Krohn and J. de Smet will attend the 5:30p.m. Windham Town Council Committee on Public Safety, Public Works, Environment, Culture and Recreation.
5. **Updates & Announcements**  
J. de Smet and G. Adams reported on the Sustainable CT Energy Network Semi-Annual Gathering on September 10, including recommendations for updates to the Town's Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD). This included adding an energy chapter, infusing sustainability into the overall Town Plan, adding a map with potential energy sites, including an index at the end of the POCD, and creating overlay or floating zones. Woodie Weiss, from Madison, CT, reported 20% energy savings by changing lightbulbs to LEDs. E. Ostwald MOVED that the Commission recommend that the Town change all of its T-8 lightbulbs to LED lightbulbs in order to immediately save lots of money. C. Krohn SECONDED. MOTION PASSED unanimously.
6. **Other Business**  
J. de Smet informed the group that the fracking ordinance went to the Windham Town Council Committee on Administration, Finance, Development and Health & Human Services, and they submitted it to the Town attorney, whose opinion is that the town's fracking ordinance should not include language that says we won't take fracking waste at our municipal wastewater treatment plant. The committee is meeting Tuesday at 7PM and J. de Smet will attend. The consensus of the Windham Energy Commission is that the language should stay. J. Finger requested additional material for the Windham Energy Commission web page.
7. **Citizens and delegations** - None.
8. **Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.