

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 20, 2020 WebEx Meeting

PRESENT: Jennifer Arasimowicz, Sheldon Scott, Tom Ragaini
ABSENT: Jack Ferraro, Dave Butkus, Sean Dunn, Karen Hintz
ALSO PRESENT: Dave Oakes, Ray Rogozinski, Greg Hahn

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m., it was noted there was no quorum present.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes – June 18, 2020

No action taken.

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

Dave Oakes provided the Commission with the following updates:

- Solar for All has two installs scheduled, they will be at a Public Works tent at an upcoming Farmers Market
- Public Works and the BOE are pairing up together to promote the Walk Audit
- The SustainableCT application will be submitted next week hopefully the results will be in by October.
- Titan Energy and CCM are working with Roger on energy procurement
- C-Tec agreement has been signed for solar at the landfill
- Dave has been working with Eversource for efficient lighting projects, because of COVID the incentives had to be reworked, which means some projects can now be done with double incentives. For example, DMAC incentive went from \$6,000 to \$12,000 which would be a great project to do now with a two year payback, the payment is incorporated into the monthly invoice and then the savings are seen. The contracts have to be signed by October 1, and projects complete by December 31 so the deadlines are tight, Ray stated there are no funds in the budget for these projects.

5. Storm Isaias Issues Review

Ray provided a review of the storm and the City's efforts throughout the storm. 56% of Bristol was without power, there were approximately 130 fire department calls and 350 police emergency calls, 350 tree went down within City right away and blocked roads. The communication tower for emergencies went out, as well as the backup generator for Police Dispatch which Dispatchers had to be moved to Cheshire. The Make Safe program was delayed, as Eversource was slow on arriving. There were individuals at Eversource who did take the extra effort who actually live in Bristol, once the workers arrived and went the extra mile for the City. Councilman Hahn questioned the poles that went down that had street lights on them. Ray stated there is a directory, and Eversource is coordinating the replacement. The total cost is approximately \$219,000 in damages, which includes overtime and debris management disposal at the Transfer Station and curbside collection.

Preliminary talks are in place of setting up a working group of exploring the potential of the City create their own electrical utility, as there are a few municipalities who already do that. That working group will report back to the Energy Commission once it gets started.

6. Any other business.

7. Adjournment

With no quorum present the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary*