

ENERGY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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June 18, 2019

Madden Room – South Windsor Town Hall

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Hank Cullinane, Resident
Robert Dickinson, Resident
Anitha Elango, Town Treasurer (left at 5:20 p.m.)
Mike Gantick, Director of Public Works
Athena Loukellis, Resident
Councilor Janice Snyder, Town Council
Sherman Tarr, Resident
Stephen Wagner, Resident

Members Absent: Larry Brown, Resident
Patrick Hankard, Board of Education
Councilor Mary Justine Hockenberry, Town Council
Councilor Cesar Lopez, Town Council

5. Business

C. Municipal Energy Plan (Steve and Hank)

- a. Review, comment, and motion to forward*
- b. Schedule:*
 - July 1 – Town Council discussion item*
 - July 9 – Special Energy Committee meeting to approve plan*
 - July 15 – Town Council approval resolution*
 - Early August – Submittal to Sustainable CT*

This item has to be approved by the Town Council at their July 15th meeting. The Energy Committee has to approve the version that the Town Council approves at a meeting proposed for July 9th. The Town Council will have a discussion on this item at their July 1st meeting.

Hank Cullinane will attend the Town Council meeting on July 1st to discuss the plan.

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4. **Next Meeting** – Special Meeting to approve the plan – July 9, 2019, at 4:45 p.m. in the Madden Room and Regular Meeting on July 16, 2019, 4:30 p.m. in the Madden Room to be canceled.

3. **Approval of Minutes (May 28, 2019)**

Councilor Snyder made a motion to approve the May 28, 2019 minutes. Mr. Tarr seconded the motion; and they were approved, unanimously.

5. **Business (Continued)**

A. CT Legislature Update (Steve)

Chairman Wagner explained that the important bill for the Energy Committee that covers Virtual Net Metering passed the House and Senate but has not been signed yet. This would ensure that South Windsor could participate in the project in Enfield. Also, the Regular Net Metering project has been extended for two years. Titan Energy will be able to proceed with the solar project at the two schools. A bid has been submitted for the ZREC and LREC.

B. Council Resolution June 18 Special Meeting (tonight) (Steve)

Councilor Snyder explained that she has heard from four businesses in Town who are concerned about this resolution because they feel it will increase costs to businesses. This has good intent from the Energy Committee standpoint but could be a burden on businesses, especially small businesses. There are already plans at the State and Federal levels.

Mr. Dickinson felt that the resolution is flexible and the Committee could add language into the resolution “as long as it does not increase costs.”

Mrs. Loukellis suggested that the carbon fees and dividends be taken out of the resolution.

Mr. Cullinane questioned if the local businesses understand that this is not something the Town is implementing, it is just a recommendation to the State that they pursue it. Councilor Snyder explained that feedback from a few businesses is that the Town does not need this resolution because this is not a Town issue.

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5. Business *(Continued)*

C. Municipal Energy Plan (Steve and Hank) *(Continued)*

Chairman Wagner explained that the Town received an email from an intern who reviewed an earlier version of the Municipal, Residential, and Business Energy Plan. The intern made comments, and most of the comments were incorporated into the plan. The Board of Education and Town staff will be setting the goals. There is no goal for residents and businesses. Committee members discussed peak demand reductions. Chairman Wagner requested Mike Gantick to write something about why the Energy Committee feels it is not appropriate to spend money doing peak demand reduction. Chairman Wagner stated that the Committee needs to expand on the Low to Moderate Energy Assistance Program.

Committee members reviewed the updates that were incorporated into the plan. At the last meeting, Committee members stopped discussions at the Municipal Renewable Energy Goals Section, so Committee members began their review of the remainder of the draft Municipal, Residential and Business Energy Plan.

6. Miscellaneous

None

7. Adjournment

At 6:00 p.m., Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Loukellis seconded the motion; and it was approved, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council