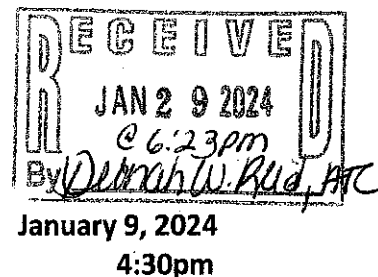


**TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR  
ENERGY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**



**Town Hall, Madden Room  
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**January 9, 2024  
4:30pm**

**1) Call Meeting to Order**

Chair, Carolyn Carey called the meeting to order at 4:34pm.

**2) Roll Call**

Members present: Carolyn Carey, Town Council/ Chair  
Michele Althoff, resident  
Hank Cullinane, resident  
Jeffrey Doolittle, Assistant Director of Public Works/Town Engineer  
Jared Lewis, resident  
Stephen Lewis, resident  
James MacPherson, resident  
Stephen Wagner, resident

Members not present: Michael Buganski, Town Council/ Vice Chair  
Darrell Crowley, Director of Facility Operations for SW Schools  
Mitchell Marks, Board of Education  
Elizabeth Pendleton, Town Council  
Vijay Srinivasachari, resident

**3) Approval of minutes from December 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes.**

Hank Cullinane made a motion to approve the minutes. Stephen Wagner seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**4) Next Meeting /Regular Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 4:30pm**

**5) Project Updates**

**a. Town Council Update: Chair Carey**

There is a proposal for improvements at the high school campus for a lighted athletic field, new tennis courts, and a secondary entrance. The Board of Education has requested that the Town Council send the project out for referendum, the council will decide at their next meeting.

**b. EV Charging Stations Report/ (Doolittle, MacPherson)**

Mr. Doolittle gave a brief overview. The committee looked at 2 proposals and recommends the placement of the charger be over at the Town Library. Placement at the library would be more cost effective.

The idea is to choose an EV Charger and then use that same one at schools and other Town buildings/ facilities/ property.

The committee needs funding from the Town in order to cover the costs. Artisenergy would handle all of the administrative paperwork.

Chair Carey would first bring the item to the council as a discussion item. Hank made a motion for Jeff Doolittle to make a recommendation and present the findings to the Town Council at their next meeting. Michele seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

**c. Zoning Updates: (Wagner)**

The EV Charger amendments will be effective as of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Capital Regional Council of Government (CRCOG) is currently reviewing the amendments. Mr. Wagner noted some of the revisions including; certain number of chargers and EV ready spaces. The Planning & Zoning Commission has suggested that only the conduit be provided, not including the wiring. The commission also reviewed handicap parking spaces.

**B. Renewable Energy and Battery Storage Sub-Committee (Hank Cullinane)**

Hank attended a DEEP hearing that revealed there is a lot of funding for EV Chargers. These are mostly available for smaller municipalities. The Town of South Windsor does not qualify for these monies.

MIT just created pavement that will charge electric vehicles. The committee discusses how this is not yet viable, however others have looked into this, and it is on the horizon.

**a. Updates/ *Economic Development-Local Business***

No updates at this time.

**C. Electric Vehicle Sub-Committee /including EV Charging stations (Jim MacPherson and Jeff Doolittle)**

The Town acquired another hybrid, plug-in Hyundai Santa Fe.

**D. Outreach Sub-Committee (Cullinane)**

No update.

**E. State and National Energy Update (Steve Wagner) Federal money available in new Green Energy Initiatives**

No update.

## 6) Open Forum Discussion

Carolyn discussed federal monies and grants in regards to electric school buses. The chair requested that the committee look into these federal monies and grants.

Stephen Lewis recommended having a representative from DEEP give a presentation on the federal monies. These grants are targeting communities with higher levels of air pollution.

Stephen Wagner informed the committee that the Planning & Zoning Commission will have a meeting to discuss the Plan of Conservation Development. One of the intended updates will be to include switching school buses to electric in the 10-year plan.

## 7) Adjournment

Hank Cullinane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07pm. Stephen Lewis seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote. **MOTION CARRIES.**

Energy Committee Members:

Michele Althoff (resident), Darrell Crowley (Director-Facility Operations-SW Schools), Hank Cullinane (Resident), Jeff Doolittle (Town Engineer-Public Works), Jared Lewis (Resident), Stephen Lewis (Resident), James MacPherson (Resident), Mitchell Marks (Board of Education), Vijay Srinivasachari (Resident), Stephen Wagner (Resident).

Michael Buganski (Town Council), Carolyn Carey (Town Council), Elizabeth Pendleton (Town Council), Mitchell Marks (Board of Education).

Submitted by



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Clerk of the Council