City of West Haven Board of Energy Commissioners Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The meeting of the West Haven Board of Energy Commissioners was held on March 19th, 2025 at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. Chairman Raymond Vincent Collins IV called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All those present, rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

Raymond Collins IV, Chairman

Jason DeLorenzo, Vice-Chairman

Christy Collins, Secretary and Commissioner

Maggie Goodwin, Commissioner

Present

Jason Card, Commissioner

Michael Miranda, Alternate Commissioner

Present

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Agenda

Commissioner Collins MOVED to accept the agenda without amendments; SECONDED by Commissioner Miranda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes

Commissioner Miranda MOVED to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on December 18th, 2024; SECONDED by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mayor's Office Update – Rick Spreyer

Rick Spreyer, Chief of Staff, provided an update on the solar projects under development in the city, including locations at: Bill Hill Carport, 106 Morgan Lane, 1 Circle Street, and Quigley Field.

Chairman Collins requested assistance with obtaining access to the Energy Star Portfolio Manager System in order to track progress; Rick Spreyer to bring in IT to resolve.

Commissioner Goodwin questioned if there is a need to update an energy plan; Rick Spreyer to discuss further with the commission and will follow-up with necessary next steps.

Commissioner Goodwin informed Rick Spreyer of need for more clear and accessible guidance around electric charging and solar energy for residents; further action on this to be discussed.

3. Public Input

Marston Smith, 13 Anderson Drive, West Haven, informed the Board of his intentions to host public musical events in West Haven; the Board offered to provide contacts for different energy affiliates to set up booths/tables at the event to provide information to West Haven residents.

Chairman Collins asked three times if any person from the public wished to speak. There being none, he declared the public portion closed.

3. Subcommittee Reports

3a. Development

Commissioner DeLorenzo provided an update on the EnergizeCT heat pump incentive program and the current systemic issues that might be causing frustration for others trying to navigate the process. Commissioner DeLorenzo and Commissioner Goodwin think the Board should provide some advocacy to residents. The Commissioners agree; Chairman Collins will try to reach out to a contact on the EnergizeCT Board and Commissioner Miranda to arrange for EnergizeCT and UI tables at future community events.

3b. Clean Energy Community Outreach

Commissioner Goodwin to coordinate community outreach from EnergizeCT backed companies for residential energy audits. Chairman Collins to confirm that EnergizeCT linked to the Board of Energy Commission's website.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

Commissioner Miranda to check website on monthly basis to ensure links are accurate.

Commissioner Miranda requesting Letters of Recognition for participants who completed hours in our community events. Chairman Collins to work on this, Commissioner Collins to draft letterhead.

The Board plans on continuing cycle of community outreach in June/January in the coming year.

6. Adjournment

At 7:33 p.m., Commissioner Collins MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Commissioner DeLorenzo. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Christy Collins, Secretary