



APPROVED MINUTES - April 21, 2021

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Status	Name	Affiliation	Present
Hartford Business Representative, Chair	Rich Shaw	Hartford Steam Company	No
Hartford Business Representative, Vice Chair	Sebastian Lombardi	Day Pitney	Yes
Hartford Elector, Secretary	Thomas Swarr	Resident	Yes
Hartford Elector	Kerrice Reynolds	Resident	Yes
Hartford Elector	[Empty Seat]		
Hartford Business Representative	[Empty Seat]		
Ex-Officio	Claudio Bazzano	Board of Education (Designee)	Yes
Ex-Officio	I. Charles Matthews Paul Bengtson	Development Services (Designee)	--- Yes
Ex-Officio	Mike Looney	Public Works	No
Non-Voting Board Member	Frank Dellaripa	Public Works, City Engineer	Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	Maly Rosado David Grant	City Council President (Designee)	--- No
Non-Voting Board Member	Shubhada Kambli	Mayor’s Office (Designee)	Yes
Non-Voting Board Member	[Empty Seat]	Electric Utility	
City Staff	Grace Yi	Office of Sustainability	Yes
City Staff	James Del Visco	Corporation Counsel	Yes

- I. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order at 3:04 PM.
 - A. **Other Attendees** – Drew Kukucka (DEEP), Mike Morrison (C-TEC), Brandon Pizzoferrato (C-TEC), and Angela Harris (Phillips Health Ministry)

- II. **Administrative Matters**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes** – 2021 meeting minutes for January and February (with two minor spelling corrections) were approved unanimously.
 - B. **Election of Officers** – A slate of unopposed candidates for the officers was presented for consideration: Richard Shaw, Chair; Sebastian Lombardi, Vice- Chair, and Thomas Swarr, Secretary. S. Lombardi moved the slate be elected, and K. Reynolds seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - C. **Creation of Subcommittees** – The EID has received requests to sign on to various letters of support, and the time constraints on these letters is difficult to reconcile with monthly

board meetings. It was suggested to create a subcommittee that would be empowered to sign off on behalf of the board. J. Del Visco advised there could be no more than three voting members on a subcommittee. The bylaws stipulate that committee must consist of a minimum of two board members and may consist of individuals not serving on the board. J. Del Visco observed the bylaws also stipulate only the chair and secretary are authorized to sign documents on behalf of the board. While many of such requests are non- controversial, there was some concern that the committee would need to ensure any letter of support was consistent with the plans and priorities of the full board and the City. Thus, it was agreed that the committee should consist of the chair, secretary, and the Mayor's Office designee. Because R. Shaw, Chair was not at the meeting, action was deferred.

III. Meeting Topics

A. Solar Project Status

C-TEC is working with DEEP staff to address issues related to the turf cap warranty. DEEP is using this and other information to develop financial surety requirements for C-TEC.

There was no further information on extension of the VNM cap at the state legislature.

B. CT Energy Network Letter of Support

S. Lombardi moved to have the EID endorse CT Energy letter requesting support for their work to nurture a network of the municipal energy task forces across CT. C. Bazzano seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Legislative Updates

S. Kambli updated on two key bills of interest for the City. SB 884 – An Act Reducing Transportation-Related Carbon Emissions supports CT joining the Transportation Climate Initiative and stipulates 50% of the proceeds from the auctions should go to communities that are overburdened by air pollution or underserved by the transportation system.

SB 882 – An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation and Home Energy Affordability will require home energy labels to inform potential renters of the costs for electricity, natural gas, or heating fuels.

IV. Other / New Business

A. City Staff Updates

S. Kambli noted that e-scooters were launching in the downtown area. F. Dellaripa reported on several retro-commissioning projects at the Public Safety Complex and 50 Jennings. C. Bazzano reported on lighting projects to convert to LEDs at Naylor, Burr, and Capital Prep schools.

V. Next Meeting: May 19, 2021

VI. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.