TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT

Energy Use & Climate Change Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM, September 14, 2026

Hamden Government Center
3rd Floor Conference Room
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518
Tel: (203) 287-7070
Fax: (203) 287-7075

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Brendan Smith called the meeting to order at 7:17PM.

2. ATTENDANCE

In Person: Brendan Smith
Online: Alison DeMaio, Betsy Yagla, PJ Deak

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

a. August 10th, 2026

PJ Deak motioned to approve the minutes. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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No correspondance.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

No executive session required.

7. REPORTS

No reports.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Street Light LED Upgrade

Brendan reviewed where the commission left off with this item and discussed his conversation with Town Engineer Stephen White after the Traffic Authority meeting.

- GIS Coordinator Andrew Kinlock and the Engineering Department are trying to work out:
  - if the new GIS map with the applied software and streetlight audit will be rendered as a 2D or 3D model
  - if running an RFP is necessary
- Potential for progress to be made by December
- Potential to contract the out to a separate GIS Coordinator if project is too intensive
- Work being done on the Hamden Government building
- Whitney Ave street repavement might be complete by October's meeting
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b. EUCC Public Comment Session?

c. Term expirations - Submit a Commissioner Application:https://hamden-boards-and-commissions.app.transform.civicplus.com/forms/35021

Commissioner	Term
David Cooper	7/31/2024
Timothy L. McKee	7/31/2022
Betsy Yagla	7/31/2026
Alison DeMaio	7/31/2026
Lena Harms	6/30/25
Ella Waller	6/30/26

The Commission briefly discussed Commissioner Terms, how to reapply, Youth Commissioners and new applicants.

9. NEW BUSINESS

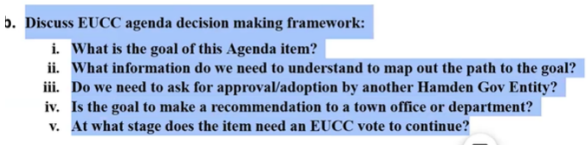
a. Any New Commissioner Applications/Approvals?

Brendan noted that there are two new applicants.

- Names unknown at the moment
- Names reveled after the applications go before the Legislative Council

b. Discuss EUCC agenda decision-making framework:

PJ made a motion to keep the changes made to thhe working framework for building and maintaining the agenda. Alison seconded the motion. Motion approved.



i. What information do we need to map the path to the goal?
ii. Is the goal to make a recommendation to a town office or department?
iii. Do we need approval/adoption from another Hamden Gov Entity?
iv. Does the item need an EUCC vote to continue?

i. what is the goal of this Agenda item?
ii. what info do we need to understand to map out the path to the goal?
iii. Do we need to ask for approval/

c. Summaries of other Board and Commission meetings

PJ reviewed notes from the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission meeting he and Alison attended.

- The Solid Waste & Recycling Commission will be approaching the Mayor with a proposal for an in-vessel composting system
    - Aerated Stock Pile(ASP)
    - Cut down waste
- Applying for a grant towards, community education about composting
    - SCROG Grant
        - Partnering with Hamden
        - Working with CT Green Bank's Environmental Infrastructure Team
- Textile Swaps

The Commission discussed volunteering for other commissions.

d. Solar and Fuel Cells on Town Property with “ACES UP”
Sustainable CT Project Categories:

Brendan Smith gave several updates:

- Brendan Sharkey from Area Cooperative Educational Services(ACES) agreed to come to a Commission meeting for a Q&A.
- Upgrades being done throughout the town
    - Ice skating rink
    - Miller Library
    - Tennis court

i. Tree Planting Program
ii. Cool roof installation on a municipal or BOE building
iii. Complete streets infrastructure build-out
iv. Purchase an electric vehicle or electric bus for municipal use
v. EV Charger purchase and/or installation
vi. Energy benchmarking or energy planning
vii. Energy efficiency projects in municipal or BOE buildings
viii. Renewable energy or battery storage system installation in municipal/BOE buildings or properties
ix. Municipal or BOE energy audit and/or implementation of municipal or BOE building energy audit recommendations
x. Community energy campaign
xi. Other (please describe the climate mitigation benefit of your project. Projects not included on our list will be approved on a case-by-case basis.)

e. 2019 Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) **Framed Agenda Items**

10. ADJOURNMENT

PJ Deak made a motion to adjourn. Betsy Yagla seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

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1 CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Brendan Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

2 ATTENDANCE

Brendan Smith, Henry Dinia, David Cooper, Alison DeMaio, and PJ Deak.

3 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

PJ Deak made a motion to approve June 8th's meeting minutes. David Cooper seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment recieved.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

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No correspondence received.

6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

No executive session needed

7 REPORTS

No reports reviewed.

8 OLD BUSINESS

a. Street Light LED Upgrade

Brendan discussed his follow up with town engineer Stephen White:

- No updates were received.
- Stephen White is still working on GIS map for a lighting plan based on records from UI's proposed replacements.
    - Once GIS map is completed, they can make a lighting plan, look at the coverage, and then make edits.

b. Simplify Solar/SolarAPP+

Brendan reviewed his discussion with Carlos Sarmiento from the town building office about the app.
Discussion was had regarding removing this item from the agenda as it has been completed.
David Cooper asked about additional generation for potential AI usage in the town and the commission having a bigger role in project advice and/or approval.

- Topic will be revisited towards the beginning of 2027.

c. September EUCC Public Comment Session?

d. PA 26-127 - Sec 9 “portable solar generation device”:
https://cga.ct.gov/2026/ACT/PA/PDF/2026PA-00127-R00HB-05340-PA.PDF
Brendan discussed how the Outreach and Enforcement advises people not to install these portable solar devices until the bill is finalized.

9 NEW BUSINESS

a. Any New Commissioner Applications/Approvals?

No new applications received.
Discussion:

- Removal of inactive Commissioners
- Advertise Commission
- Renewing Commissioner membership
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b. Discuss EUCC agenda decision making framework:

i. Is an item we can vote on

ii. Can we make a recommendation

iii. Are we asking for approval/adoption by another Hamden Gov Entity

iv. What information do we need to understand to map out the path to the goal

c. Summaries of other Board and Commission meetings

No summaries discussed.

d. Solar and Fuel Cells on Town Property with “ACES UP”

Brendan reviewed a letter from the Legislative Council and discussed the commission's involvement.

e. Sustainable CT Project Categories:

i. Tree Planting Program

ii. Cool roof installation on a municipal or BOE building

iv. Purchase an electric vehicle or electric bus for municipal use

v. EV Charger purchase and/or installation

vi. Energy benchmarking or energy planning

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10 ADJOURNMENT

PJ Deak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alison DeMaio seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.