## Hartford

### ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

## MINUTES

*Time: April 15, 2020 | 3PM*

*Location: The Virtual Meeting was held by phone at 415-655-0002 and online at https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/uconn-cmr/j.php?MTID=m39d90d381257123e2523b32c0068d3d4*

| Status | Name | Affiliation | Present |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hartford Business Representative, Chair | Rich Shaw | Hartford Steam Company | Yes |
| Hartford Business Representative, Vice Chair | Sebastian Lombardi | Day Pitney | Yes |
| Hartford Elector, Secretary | Thomas Swarr | Resident | Yes |
| Hartford Elector | Kerrice Reynolds | Resident | |
| Hartford Elector | **[Empty Seat]** | | |
| Hartford Business Representative | **[Empty Seat]** | | |
| Ex-Officio | Claudio Bazzano | Board of Education (Designee) | Yes |
| Ex-Officio | Erik Johnson | Development Services | |
| Ex-Officio | Walter Veselka | Public Works | Yes |
| Non-Voting Board Member | Frank Dellaripa | Public Works, City Engineer | Yes |
| Non-Voting Board Member | Alan Strong | City Architect | |
| Non-Voting Board Member | **[Empty Seat]** | City Council President | |
| Non-Voting Board Member | Shubhada Kambli | Mayor's Office (Designee) | |
| Non-Voting Board Member | Rodney Powell | Eversource (Electric Utility) | |
| City Staff | Michael Looney | Public Works | |
| City Staff | Kristina Catterfeld | Public Works | Yes |
| City Staff | James Del Visco | Corporation Counsel | Yes |
| City Staff | Grace Yi | Mayor's Office | Yes |
| Status as of the end of this meeting. | | | |
| Former Hartford Elector and Former EID Board Chair | Sara Bronin | Resident | Yes |

I. **Roll Call –** Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM.

II. **Administrative Matters**
   A. **Approval of Minutes**
   The November 2019 minutes were approved – 5 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention (Rich Shaw was not present at that meeting).

B. **Introduction of New Members**
   The EID board welcomed new members Rich Shaw (Hartford Business Representative for Hartford Steam Company) and Kerrice Reynolds (Hartford Elector).
C. **Election of Officers**
   Rich Shaw, Sebastian Lombardi, and Thomas Swarr were nominated and elected unanimously for the respective positions of chair, vice chair, and secretary.

III. **Meeting Topics**
   A. **Solar Project Status**
      Mike Morrison and Jeff Pipeling from C-TEC Solar provided updates related to the EID's solar project on the closed landfill. To date, C-TEC has submitted the project into the Virtual Net Metering Program and are working on applications for the Shared Clean Energy Facilities Program, Zero Emission and Low Emission Renewable Energy Credits. C-TEC will also work with the board and staff to develop an agreement with MIRA.

      C-TEC has submitted and paid for an application to Eversource for interconnection and impact studies, which will provide information on the distribution lines, connection points, and relevant costs. The interconnections will be new services, not City meters. The impact study was sent to the City, and it was noted that one generator should be listed as the EID's rather than the City's. C-TEC will request that change to be made.

      According to a board member, in April PURA received objections to projects applying for both ZRECs and LRECs. If PURA agrees with the objections, the project can only enter one program (VNM or SCEF), in which case C-TEC noted that VNM would be a better fit.

IV. **New Business**
   A. **Office of Sustainability**
      Given limitations due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and greater caution around in-person visits and installations, the Office noted that the Energy Equity Challenge Goals in the EID's Comprehensive Plan may need adjustment as they may no longer be appropriate milestones. The Office will follow up on this in a future meeting.

      The Office will be holding a Virtual Earth Week series featuring various speakers and educational opportunities. All are welcome, and more information will be sent out.

   B. **Parting Words from Sara Bronin, former chair**
      With the EID in the hands of its updated membership and elected officers, Sara Bronin, former chair and inaugural member, is stepping down from the board. In her parting words, she shared gratitude for her fellow board members and City staff, and in kind, the board thanked her for her time and effort.

V. **Next Meeting: May 20, 2020**

VI. **Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM.