

Hampton Green Energy Committee

Hampton, CT 06247

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

7:00 PM

Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:00. Committee members in attendance: Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Rachel Girshick, Bob Marsh and Ev Hyde. Revell Sandberg-Diment arrived at 7:06.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 12/11/13

Motion: Rachel Girshick moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to approve the minutes of December 11, 2013. Ev Hyde abstained and the motion passed with all other members present voting in the affirmative.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Solarize Program Report

Kate Donnelly reported that over ½ megawatt of photovoltaic (PV) was purchased in the Ashford-Chaplin-Hampton-Pomfret partnership. Hampton will earn three points per Hampton system with additional points earned for financing. Points earned contribute to earning a PV system such as the one installed on Hampton Elementary School.

b. Solar PV ZREC proposal for elementary school

The small Z-REC proposal for Hampton Elementary School was chosen by CL&P. The contract has not yet been received. Under the proposal, C-TEC Solar will install, maintain and own the PV system. Hampton will pay either a fixed or variable rate per kWh produced for twenty years. The generation charge and three delivery service charges on the CL&P bill will be eliminated for each kWh produced by the system. On a current bill, this would eliminate \$ 0.1209 per kWh. The savings under the proposed variable rate and the fixed rate were reviewed.

Motion: Ev Hyde moved to recommend to Hampton Elementary School and the Board of Selectmen to go ahead with the small Z-REC proposal at the fixed rate of \$.086 per kWh. Bob Marsh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. **Lighting at Elementary School**

Maryellen Donnelly will send the Conserve and Granite City proposals to HGEC members. Revell Sandberg-Diment will look at replacing the sodium bulbs with LEDs (and perhaps sockets) without replacing poles. The committee discussed using the Bright Ideas Grant for lighting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Appointments to Committee**

All members present wish to continue on the HGEC. Roger Dionne will not be continuing. Kate Donnelly has contacted other members to see if they wish to continue.

b. **Bright Ideas Grant**

Kate Donnelly will contact Energize CT to see if Hampton's activities have earned more Energy Efficiency points that can be used in the Communities Innovations Grant Program.

8. Next Meetings

Review of lighting.

Vice-chair Revell Sandberg-Diment will chair the next HGEC meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rachel Girshick moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

Note: Minutes are draft until accepted at a subsequent HGEC meeting.