



Hollis NH Energy Committee

2023-1-12 Meeting Minutes (Final)

Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2023-1-12:

Attendees: ✓ present, R remote, X not present:

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| 1. X Venu Rao | 7. X Paul Armstrong (Select Board rep) |
| 2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary) | 8. X Eitan Zeira |
| 3. X Paul Happy | 9. X Lori Radke (Town Admin) |
| 4. ✓ Adam Jacobs | 10. X Joan Cudworth (DPW) |
| 5. R Christina Marmonti (Alt) | 11. ✓ Phillip Stephenson |
| 6. ✓ Steve Ettelson | 12. ✓ Dave Johnson (Alt) |

Meeting started at 6:05pm.

Action Items:

- 1) Paul H. gathering energy data on HBHS & Middle School
- 2) Adam updating 2022 year end report
- 3) Steve to send out info on IRA Guide Book
- 4) Mike to find out about Town Hall boiler plan

December 8th, 2022 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the Dec 8th Committee Meeting were approved 6-0-0

Committee Membership Changes:

A brief discussion about the possibility of co-chairs which didn't get much traction. Finally indicating he would accept the position; Mike made a motion to appoint Steve Ettelson to be the HEC Chairman. Seconded by Phillip the motion carried 5-0-1

Approval of 2022 Year End Report:

A discussion of the year end report was had. Adam indicated he had some revisions he wanted to add and would complete those and distribute it to the committee members.

Community Power Workshop:

Christina, Steve and Stephen briefed us on their efforts organizing the Community Power Workshop. It has been scheduled for Thursday 1/26 from 6pm to 8pm at the Lawrence Barn. The purpose is to explain the process and benefits of community power in general and to review Bob Feder's petition warrant article asking the BOS to consider approving that the Town can move forward in that process. Christina has gotten the meeting displayed on the police info sign and will be spreading the word on FB and through other local groups. Steve has sandwich boards with posters to go up at the transfer station. He also has the equipment in hand to broadcast the meeting via Zoom. Phillip has coordinated with Bob Feder and CPCNH on their participation.

Future Energy Projects:

A discussion was had about finding future energy projects to pursue and how best to do that. It was mentioned that the state has increased the community power systems cap from 1MW to 5MW which makes them more cost effective to build but is probably not viable for a community of our size unless partnered with a larger one like Nashua. It was pointed out that grant funding for such projects would make them more attractive. Phillip indicated that Clean Energy NH might be a good resource for finding out about grant opportunities. Steve also explained about the Inflation Reduction Act Guide Book that is available to help identify funding opportunities from that source.

Town Hall Energy Audit:

Mike indicated he had heard of a plan to replace the Town Hall pellet boiler with a new oil furnace. The committee feels like this might be a bit premature given the energy and cost savings that have been documented for that system. Mike will contact Lori and Joanie about how and why this has come up.

Adjourned 6:55pm, Next Scheduled Meeting: 9 Feb. 2023

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt