



Hollis NH Energy Committee

2023-11-09 Meeting Minutes (Final)

Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2023-11-09:

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

1. ✓ Steve Ettelson (Chairman)
2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary)
3. ✓ Paul Happy
4. ✓ Adam Jacobs
5. X Phillip Stephenson
6. X Eitan Zeira
7. X Lori Radke (Town Admin)
8. X Joan Cudworth (DPW)
9. ✓ Christina Marmonti (Alt)
10. ✓ Dave Johnson
11. ✓ Joe Garruba (BOS)
12. X Dave Parry (Alt)

Meeting started at 6:05pm.

Action Items:

- 1) Christina to see about booking Lawrence Barn for Jan. 12th.
- 2) Paul to continue work on his presentation to focus on how the COOP can benefit from solar.
- 3) Mike to send the HEC recommendation to increase the ground mount height limit to the Planning Board.

Meeting Minutes from October 12th:

The minutes from the October 12th Committee Meeting were approved 6-0-0

Community Power:

Confirmed that we are presenting at the Nov. 27 BOS meeting. A CPCNH rep will be with us to answer questions as well. Christina confirmed that the event is posted on the local/FB platforms.

COOP Energy Upgrade Plans:

Steve reported that he, Mike and Paul attended the 1 Nov. CFC meeting and were invited to join the CFC Comm going forward. The current plan is for short term resolution of the oil pipe issues using existing COOP funding to convert existing boilers to propane as/if needed (HBMS may be ok for now pending inspection this month). Going forward the CFC will work on developing a plan for a long term solution to their energy systems. We then discussed how HEC can best support that plan. The consensus was that solar/electrification is the most promising way to go. Paul reviewed a presentation he's put together on the potential for solar installations at various sites around the COOP school buildings. He showed how there is more than enough space to generate all the power the schools need.

HEC Electrification Seminar:

Adam indicated he is ready to his electrification seminar and suggested we wait till after the holidays to do it. Christina indicated that the 3rd, 5th and 12th of Jan looked open. The committee recommended the 12th at 7pm and she will see if we can reserve it.



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Ground Mount Regulation Update:

The committee discussed the ground mount regulation and decided that recommending the height change was probably the most immediate issue and it would be best not to try making any bigger changes at the moment. The committee voted (6-0-0) to recommend a height change from a maximum of 10ft to a maximum of 15ft. The reasoning is that 10ft doesn't provide enough height to allow installers flexibility to provide adequate clearance and angling of the panels. In addition, no height waiver request has ever been denied which indicates the planning board tacitly agrees that something higher than 10ft is acceptable given that all the other screening and rural character provisions are met. Mike will send a formal message to the Planning Dept asking that the change be added to the list of regulation changes they are considering.

HEC Annual Report:

Steve indicated he is about to begin work on the 2023 HEC Annual Report that goes into the Town Report. He asked for suggestions and we agreed that Community Power, supporting the COOP Facility Comm., continuing review & analysis of the Hollis Schools energy use and Old Home Days were our primary activities in 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm. Next Scheduled Meeting: 14 December 2023

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt