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**Hollis Energy Committee Minutes**  
**10 July, 2017 (7:00pm) Town Hall Conference Room**

Members Present: Mike Leavitt, Eric Ryherd, Paul Happy, Eitan Zeira, Stacy Diamantini

Not Present: Peter Band, Christine Furman, Venu Rao, Woody Hayes

- The meeting came to order at 7:02pm.
- The Meeting Minutes from 5 June were approved.
- Venu recently announced that he has decided to step down as chairman of the HEC although he will remain an active member of the committee. Having indicated a willingness to take on the chairmanship Mike nominated Eric Ryherd with a second by Eitan. The members present voted 4-0-1 to accept Eric as the new chairman.
- Mike reported on the progress of the Hollis Schools ThermoElectric Project (Hollis STEP). The major contracts with the management company and solar installer are signed. Work on the PV solar panels, HUES roof gap sealing, oil tank removal, new boiler and lighting upgrades are beginning. On site work at the schools began on 10 July.
- Eitan will set up a meeting in the next week or two with the middle school greenhouse folks to discuss what might be done for the green house with both PV and Thermal solar.
- Mike reported that Chief Sartell is setting up a meeting on Friday 7/14 with Meghan Hoyer from LightTec to get the Police Station lighting upgrade work started. Mike and Eric will attend.
- Eric reported that the HBHS LED score board PV system is mounted and working. Eric and Paul are going to work on adding monitoring hardware so we can tell if the system is operating as expected.
- Stacy will sign up the HEC for Old Home Days which is Sept 15/16 this year. Given our experience from last year she will see if we can get two spaces. This will give us more room for a PV solar demo and other activities. Eric suggested a game activity based on smashing incandescent light bulbs and giving out LED bulbs to replace them to highlight the potential for real cash and energy savings in homes. We will also put together updated information panels about this year's activities (HSTEP, Greenhouse, Police Station lighting, HBHS scoreboard). We also need to confirm the availability/location of the pop up tent and the LED banner we had last year.
- Eric suggested a new project to monitor and analyze actual energy use in Hollis municipal buildings. This would be an expansion of the existing monthly data collection system. Its goal would be to determine potential areas for improved energy use, reduced cost and improved environmental conditions in town buildings. Members present thought this was an excellent idea to explore in more detail.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting date: August 7, 2017

**Adjournment:**

The HEC adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Leavitt