



## **Hollis Energy Committee Minutes**

### **8 January, 2017 (12:00pm) Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room**

Members Present: Venu Rao, Mike Leavitt, Paul Happy, Woody Hayes, Eric Ryherd, Eitan Zeira

Not Present: Chris Heiter, Stacy Diamantini, Christine Furman, Peter Band

- The meeting came to order at 12:07pm.
- The Meeting Minutes from 5 December were approved.
- ESWG Activity – Paul will contact Tammy in regards to what information/data is needed to support the School Board's decision to include roof mounted PV Solar systems for the HUES and the HPS. An ESWG meeting may be scheduled after the next budget hearing.
- The middle school greenhouse project has raised enough cash to get the green house structure. It has been ordered and installation is planned for March. Paul indicated he will not have any inverters available for the project as he had hoped. Eitan will contact Ron Christy (a local year round farmer) to see if he can help estimate the greenhouse's energy needs. Woody has estimated the PV solar cost at around \$500. There is a possibility that Frank Grossman can help with additional funding.
- Mike will contact LightTec to determine progress on their police station and town hall lighting upgrade proposal.
- The committee had a discussion of the proposed modification to the Hollis PV solar regulation to change the maximum ground mount size from one acre to one half acre. Most members felt that such a restriction is both unnecessary and contrary to the spirit of the Hollis Zoning Ordinance. We will collect information about why the change is being proposed and continue the discussion next month.
- As the last original member of the Hollis Energy Committee Venu asked the current members to review and consider our mission statement and goals which were put together in 2009. These were displayed and discussed with minor changes proposed to make the goal statements more aligned with current realities. Venu will have an updated presentation for further review next month.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Next meeting date: Feb. 6, 2017

#### **Adjournment:**

The HEC adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Leavitt