



# Hollis NH Energy Committee

## 2020-1-25 Meeting Minutes (Final)

### Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2020-01-25:

Attendees: ✓ present, X not present

1. ✓ Eric Ryherd (Chair)
2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary)
3. ✓ Paul Happy
4. ✓ Woody Hayes
5. X Adam Jacobs
6. X Peter Band (Select Board rep)
7. X Eitan Zeira (alt)
8. X Lori Radke (Town Admin)
9. X Todd Croteau (DPW)
10. ✓ JW Brooks

Meeting started at 1:06pm

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and formulate a plan to update Section XXIV: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS of the Hollis Zoning Ordinance to better align it with the NHSEA Model Solar Ordinance. The NHSEA Model was designed to address the full range of potential solar installation types (such as roof, ground, agricultural, commercial, group) and the community issues related to them.

The committee began by discussing how best to present this issue to the Town. It was decided that a presentation would be developed outlining the reasons for and goals of the updated Ordinance. The presentation will then be presented to the town Boards and residents to get their input. These inputs will be used to craft an updated Solar Ordinance that will be available for inclusion on the Zoning Ordinance ballot in March 2021.

The committee determined that the following issues should be included in the presentation:

- 1) Why the need for a more comprehensive Ordinance - more cohesiveness, less subjectivity in planning solar systems
- 2) More flexibility to plan for future technology developments
- 3) How the Ordinance can support residents in efforts to make solar systems more resilient and cost effective
- 4) How the Ordinance can support and preserve the rural character of the town without undue restrictions
- 5) An examination of how other towns have dealt with screening issues (Hanover, Dover, Portsmouth)

Woody led a review of an initial edit he has done of the NHSEA Model Ordinance. A number of additional changes were recommended to make it more succinct and relevant to the town of Hollis.

### Action Items:

- 1) Woody - Re-edit the NHSEA Model Ordinance per today's discussion for review at the next HEC meeting
- 2) JW - Create a preliminary presentation for Town Boards and residents for review at the next HEC meeting (complete 2/4)

Adjourned 2:19pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: 4 February 2020

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt