



Hollis NH Energy Committee

2021-2-11 Meeting Minutes (Final)

Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2021-2-11:

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

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| 1. R Eric Ryherd (Chair) | 7. X Eitan Zeira (alt) |
| 2. R Mike Leavitt (Secretary) | 8. R Lori Radke (Town Admin) |
| 3. X Paul Happy | 9. R Joan Cudworth (DPW) |
| 4. R Woody Hayes | 10. R JW Brooks |
| 5. R Adam Jacobs | 11. R Venu Rao |
| 6. R Paul Armstrong (Select Board rep) | |

Zoom Meeting started at 4:05pm.

Philip Stephenson was the only member of the public who joined the meeting.

The Meeting Minutes from Jan. 14 were approved.

Action Items:

- 1) Paul H – download the eGauge data to back it up.
 - a. Paul downloaded the data but has yet to test restoring it to make sure we don't lose any data
- 2) Venu – schedule a meeting with JW and Mike to discuss Electric Busses
- 3) Eric – contact Ken Munsey (from CTI) about access to the HBMS BMS
- 4) Eric – contact Kelly Seeley about help with id'ing old electrical wires
- 5) Adam/Joan – contact new vendors about LED upgrades at the Transfer Station and the Stump Dump

Data Collection at the Schools:

All the school buildings have now been implemented with e-gauges. Eric has emailed links to all of them to the committee and demonstrated how they work. We could see how recent snow has limited solar production at HPS due to the low angle of the panels while the much steeper HUES panels continued to generate power. Also at HUES one can see the power reduction due to the recent LED light installations. It's evident as well that the HBHS uses a lot of power compared to the other school buildings. Identifying and tracking the circuits and power usage will allow us to find ways to reduce unnecessary electrical consumption at all four buildings.

Electric Busses:

Venu indicated he will be setting up a meeting next week with Paul Happy, JW and Mike to investigate ways forward in this area. He has previously distributed a link to an article about the development of electric busses around the country.

Farley Building:

Lori explained that the walkthrough on Feb. 6 showed that the building is in relatively good shape inside. The next Farley Committee meeting will be Wed., Feb. 17.



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Municipal Buildings Energy Issues:

- 1) Lori indicated that the Town Hall pellet furnace has shut down a couple times recently and the apparent problem is always a blown controller circuit board. Paul Armstrong said he had noticed a grounding wire on the pellet storage hammock that may not be big enough to handle static charges generated when pellets are blown in. Lori will pass this on to building maint.
- 2) Mike reported that investigations related to adding a sprinkler system at HPS have turned up unidentified old Romex cabling above the ceiling in some areas. The HEC has been ask if they might be able to help identify if they are still in use. Eric will contact Kelly at the SAU office for details.
- 3) Mike indicated that the same efforts at HPS have found unexpected hidden ceiling tiles that might contain asbestos. Joan offered to contact Kelly as she may be able to help in this area.

State Legislative Issues:

Phil Stephenson and Lori spoke about two bills (HB213 and HB315) currently being considered in Concord. HB213 would end the Renewable Energy Credits (REC's) program. Kat McGhee has asked what impact that would have on Hollis. Lori will pass on what the town has been getting for REC income over the last few years. HB315 would curtail the ability of communities in NH to aggregate their electrical power purchasing ability and reducing their capability to control electrical costs. The HEC members present agreed that they do not support either of these bills and this will be communicated to Kat who is testifying against them tomorrow. Phil is also testifying against HB213 tomorrow.

Adjourned 5:06pm, Next Scheduled Zoom Meeting: 11 Mar. 2021

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt