

## Hollis NH Energy Committee 2021-6-10 Meeting Minutes (Final)

## **Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2021-6-10:**

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

- 1. ✓ Eric Ryherd (Chair)
- 2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary)
- 3. R Paul Happy
- 4. R Woody Hayes
- 5. R Adam Jacobs
- 6. X Paul Armstrong (Select Board rep)

- 7. R Eitan Zeira (alt)
- 8. R Lori Radke (Town Admin)
- 9. X Joan Cudworth (DPW)
- 10. X JW Brooks
- 11. R Venu Rao
- 12. R Phillip Stephenson

Meeting started at 4:05pm.

The Meeting Minutes from Apr. 8 were approved.

#### **Action Items:**

- 1) Paul H/ Eric Eric to get Paul started on getting energy data for HPS & HUES organized
- 2) Adam/Joan Investigate better LED upgrade quotes for Transfer Station & Stump Dump lighting
- 3) Eric & Lori Set up time to investigate Town Hall power usage with Daryl
- 4) Philip Put together short Community Power presentation for BOS and HEC web site

### **Future HEC Meetings:**

Lori indicated that the Governor's emergency order allowing remote municipal meetings expires tomorrow. Going forward a quorum of the committee's members must be physically present to make the meeting official.

#### **HPS & HUES Energy Data:**

Eric indicated he was looking for help to organize and evaluate energy data from the Hollis schools. Paul said he could help out and will begin by asking Kelly for copies of EverSource bills so he can update Portfolio Mgr. It turns out EverSource doesn't enter the data we really want to evaluate.

#### **Community Power:**

Philip reviewed the discussions from last Friday. It was decided that he would put together a short general overview presentation for the BOS to introduce them to what is happening in the area. Another idea is to put it, or perhaps a video version of it, on the HEC website. Philip pointed out that although we have so far been hearing from and about the Clean Energy NH program there are other brokers available. Venu suggested it would be good to see what they have to say about Community Power as a comparison to the nonprofit program Henry Herndon told us about at our last meeting.

#### **Electric Busses:**

Venu reviewed an NRPC zoom meeting of 6/9 (Mike also attended) with First Student bus company, NextEra (V2G tech), Ever Source and a representative from the State of NH. First Student gave a presentation about the costs and benefits of converting to electric buses that wasn't very convincing. Venu has since suggested that the NRPC find an independent subject matter expert to help their efforts. Mike reviewed discussions he had with Hollis School Board members about the situation with the local bus company (Student Transportation of America, www.ridesta.com). The SAU will be negotiating a new contract this fall and there is interest in learning about electric buses for the future. The suggestion is for the HEC to brief them this summer prior to meetings with the bus company. Venu also indicated that Joan and he will be looking into the possibility of electric powered vehicles for the DPW.



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### **Farley Building:**

Mike indicated the committee has located a lot of previously generated documentation to support the NH Preservation Alliance Assessment Grant Program. Two firms are being asked to submit quotes to support the grant application and develop preliminary cost estimates for three scenarios. These are renovation of the existing building to a general office and community space, tare down and replacement with a new office and community building and simply demolish and remove the existing building.

## **Transfer Station LED Upgrades:**

Joan wasn't at the meeting but advised via email that she expects new quotes shortly.

Adjourned 4:50pm, Next Scheduled Zoom Meeting: 8 July 2021

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt