Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2022-10-13:

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

- 1. ✓ Venu Rao (Chair)
- 2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary)
- 3. X Paul Happy
- 4. X Woody Hayes
- 5. X Adam Jacobs
- 6. ✓ Christina Marmonti (Alt)
- 7. X Steve Ettelson (Alt)

- 8. ✓ Paul Armstrong (Select Board rep)
- 9. X Eitan Zeira
- 10. X Lori Radke (Town Admin)
- 11. X Joan Cudworth (DPW)
- 12. ✓ Phillip Stephenson

Meeting started at 6:05pm.

September 2022 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the Sep 8th Committee Meeting were approved 6-0-0

Action Items:

- 1) Paul A. to find out if any Town Hall energy upgrades are being contemplated
- 2) Mike to notify Chrissie about membership changes
- 3) Christina to contact town workshop group about HEC being involved

Colonial Power Group Presentation:

Stuart Ormsbee (VP Power Supplies Strategies) of Colonial Power Group and Bart Fromuth (COO) of Freedom Energy Logistics spoke to the committee about how they will be doing community power in NH. They are in essence a standard power broker operation setting up to support multiple communities in NH. Unlike CPCNH they do not have an independent management structure to oversee and develop specialized plans for the member communities. They claim this is an extra cost that they would have to pass on to the member communities.

LES Conference Preview:

Venu, Phillip and Christina are going. Venu suggested that next year we should get an HEC membership that will give us multiple tickets as well as access to all the LES support activities and data.

Town Hall Energy Audit:

The committee discussed the Town Hall Energy Audit recently provided by EverSource. The report provided some good ideas that won't cost much that could significantly improve the comfort level in the office areas. It was also pointed out that issues with heating zone controls that came to light when the pellet boilers were installed have not as yet been addressed. Paul Armstrong will look into whether any action on these issues is contemplated by the town.

Energy Workshops:

The Committee discussed putting on energy workshops on various issues such as solar panels, community power, electric vehicles and heat pumps. It was mentioned that other Hollis groups might be setting up coordinated regular meetings at the Lawerance Barn and perhaps we could join that activity. Christina will investigate this possibility.



Committee Chairmanship and Membership issues:

Venu announced that he will be stepping down as HEC chairman after the Oct meeting. He has spoken to several members about taking the job and they are considering it. He also let the committee know that Woody Hayes will be tendering his resignation. This will allow us to nominate a new member. Mike will notify Town Hall that Woody is leaving and we will elevate an alternate.

Adjourned 7:04pm, Next Scheduled Meeting: 6pm, 10 Nov. 2022

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt