



Hollis NH Energy Committee

2023-3-02 Meeting Minutes (Final)

Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2023-3-02:

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

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| 1. R Steve Ettelson (Chairman) | 7. ✓ Eitan Zeira |
| 2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary) | 8. X Lori Radke (Town Admin) |
| 3. ✓ Paul Happy | 9. X Joan Cudworth (DPW) |
| 4. X Adam Jacobs | 10. ✓ Christina Marmonti (Alt) |
| 5. X Phillip Stephenson | 11. X Dave Johnson (Alt) |
| 6. ✓ Venu Rao | |

Meeting started at 6:00pm.

Also present were Andy Corey (Coop Superintendent), Kelly Seely (Business Admin), Tom Enright (Coop Bd), Darlene Mann, Rob Mann, Mike Davey (EEI Consultant)

Action Items:

- 1) Paul H. gathering energy data on HBHS & Middle School
- 2) Mike to find out about SAU energy plans
- 3) Mike to check out setting up a Mailchimp account
- 4) Steve & Phillip to record Phillip's Comm. Power presentation

February 9th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from the Feb 9th Committee Meeting is postponed until the April 13th meeting.

COOP Bond Article:

The purpose of this meeting was to review the proposed Coop Article 1 Bond in an effort to see if a more environmentally friendly and/or financially advantageous solution could be found. The current language locks the Coop into new all propane heating systems and LED lighting upgrades at both HBHS and HBMS.

Andy Cory began with a review of how the current plan developed this fall after the Coop was informed that the underground oil pipes at both schools were no longer in compliance with state regulations and must be removed or replaced at an estimated \$300k cost. The Board felt that given the situation it would be best to replace the aging oil boilers at the same time with new propane boilers. LED lighting upgrades were added from a list of projects being considered this year because they provided much improved classroom functionality and lower operating costs. He also spoke about reservations he had about other solutions based on timing, cost and safety issues.

Mike Davey from EEI then gave a presentation and a discussion was had on various alternate options such as wood chip boilers, ASHPs, solar, geothermal and combinations thereof. Andy indicated he wasn't against exploring a different solution but the current Bond language wasn't flexible enough to allow it. After considerable discussion it was decided that if more flexible language could be found that was considered potentially acceptable by Andy's bond council that could be offered as a floor amendment at the Annual Meeting. If that passed the Coop would set up a committee to review other potential solutions. Andy and Venu would start the bond rewrite process right away. Tom Enright commented that the changes should be as clear and simple as possible so as not to confuse the voters.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Next Scheduled Meeting: 13 Apr. 2023

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt