

Hollis NH Energy Committee 2023-4-13 Meeting Minutes (Final)

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

- 1. 🗸 Steve Ettelson (Chairman)
- 2. Vike Leavitt (Secretary)
- 3. X Paul Happy
- 4. 🗸 Adam Jacobs
- 5. 🗸 Phillip Stephenson
- 6. X Venu Rao
- 7. X Eitan Zeira

- 8. X Lori Radke (Town Admin)
- 9. X Joan Cudworth (DPW)
- 10. 🗸 Christina Marmonti (Alt)
- 11. 🗸 Dave Johnson (Alt)
- 12. 🗹 Joe Garruba (BOS)

Meeting started at 6:02pm.

Action Items:

- 1) Paul H. gathering energy data on HBHS & Middle School
- 2) Mike to check out setting up a Mailchimp account
- 3) Steve & Adam to review options for COOP heating, solar and lighting
- 4) Mike to contact SAU Office about energy plans moving forward
- 5) Steve to send out the Energy Audit and relevant Comm Power documentation links to Joe
- 6) Joe to see when we can get the Comm Power issue on the BOS agenda
- 7) Phillip to see if a CPCNH rep could be available if needed at a BOS meeting

Committee Membership:

Joe Garruba joined the HEC today as the new Selectman's representative.

February 9th and March 2nd, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the Feb 9th and Mar 2nd Committee Meetings were approved 5-0-0

Community Power status:

The discussion centered around how we should move forward given that the Petition Warrant Article urging the selectmen to support CP passed at town meeting. Philip explained the process for Joe who agreed to see about getting the issue on a near term BOS meeting. Joe also asked for information about CPCNH and Steve will send him relevant copies/links. Phillip will contact CPCNH to see if a rep might be able to join a BOS meeting if requested.

COOP Energy Upgrade Plans:

A discussion was had about what will happen now that the COOP Energy Upgrade Bond Warrant was not passed at town meeting. Mike agreed to contact Andy Corey about how they plan to proceed. Andy has already indicated to Mike that the state has given the SAU until the summer of 2024 to come up with a solution to the non-compliant underground oil pipes. The committee was unanimous in its desire to participate in the development of a plan. Adam and Steve will review the old energy audit and develop possible options as a starting point. It was the committee's view that an analysis by outside experts (not potential contractors) would be helpful to determine cost effective solutions for the long term rather than quick fixes for the short term.

Collaboration with Surrounding Town Energy Committees:

Steve explained that he had been approached by a Mr. Thornton from Milford about collaborating with the HEC on issues of mutual interest. We agreed this would be a good idea and will discuss it more in a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm. Next Scheduled Meeting: 11 May 2023

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt