



Hollis NH Energy Committee

2023-7-13 Meeting Minutes (Final)

Hollis Energy Committee meeting minutes 2023-7-13:

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

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| 1. ✓ Steve Ettelson (Chairman) | 8. X Lori Radke (Town Admin) |
| 2. ✓ Mike Leavitt (Secretary) | 9. X Joan Cudworth (DPW) |
| 3. X Paul Happy | 10. ✓ Christina Marmonti (Alt) |
| 4. ✓ Adam Jacobs | 11. ✓ Dave Johnson (Alt) |
| 5. ✓ Phillip Stephenson | 12. X Joe Garruba (BOS) |
| 6. X Venu Rao | |
| 7. ✓ Eitan Zeira | |

Meeting started at 6:02pm.

Action Items:

- 1) Phillip to contact CPCNH to see how their meeting went
- 2) Steve to start and distribute for review a white paper on energy options for the Coop CFC
- 3) Phillip to send out the link to DSIRE
- 4) Adam reaching out to Eric about updates to the ground mount solar regulation
- 5) Everyone to consider potential OHD activities and their schedule availability

June 15th, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the June 15th Committee Meeting were approved 7-0-0

Committee Membership:

Mike reported that Venu's resignation had been reluctantly accepted by the Selectmen at their 7/10 meeting. They thanked him for his many years of working to make Hollis's energy use more efficient and affordable. To fill Venu's position a motion was made and seconded to move Dave Johnson from alternate to regular member. It was approved 6-0-1.

Finally, we were joined by Dave Perry who has expressed an interest in joining the HEC. He has already completed the town volunteer application and introduced himself to the committee at this time. A motion was made and seconded to recommend Dave to fill the now vacant Alternate position. Motion passed 7-0-0

Both these actions will be forwarded to the BOS for approval.

Community Power:

Steve indicated that the Community Power agreement documents have been forwarded to the town lawyer for review. Mike commented that Mark LeDoux mentioned in the latest Bud Com meeting that the Selectmen had recently met with a CPCNH rep to discuss how the agreement worked. CPCNH was to get answers to some questions raised by the Selectmen. Phillip will touch base with his CPCNH contact to see how it went. One concern appears to be what happens when Eversource reduces its rates as has just happened. Dave J. looked up upcoming rates and found that Eversource is going to \$0.1258/kwh and CPCNH is going to \$0.1090/kwh.

It was suggested that we could do another Community Power seminar this fall and also highlight CP at Old Home Day.

COOP Energy Upgrade Plans:

Steve and Mike described attending the 6/21 Coop Board meeting at which Rob Mann's Coop Facility Committee (CFC) plan was approved. Mike explained that he has urged to Rob to find independent consultants and reminded him of the consultants in use now by the Hollis Schools whom he knows from his work on the original Hollis Schools upgrades (solar panels, ASHP's, building upgrades). He agreed that he needs people like that. It appears Rob will be conferring with the Coop Superintendent this week about getting the CFC up and running.

A discussion was had about how the HEC can proactively help the CFC. It was decided that a white paper enumerating various options addressing the issues described in the failed warrant article could be helpful. Steve will contact Paul about what useful



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energy data we have collected that could support these options. Steve will put together an initial cut at the white paper and distribute it to HEC members for comment and review. In addition, Phillip will send out a link to a data base (DSIRE) of state and federal funding programs that might be of value.

Ground Mount Solar Regulation Update:

Adam indicated Eric had previously done work on this and will contact him about it.

Old Home Days:

Mike indicated that applications for OHD booths are now open and Christina said she could start that process. As usual we want two booths with power next to the HAREI booth if at all possible. Eitan will start getting the booth schedule sign-up sheet ready.

A discussion was had about booth activities this year. It was agreed that a major focus should be on Community Power. All agreed that a participatory activity of some kind would be a good idea.

Some ideas were:

- The exercise bike & power display from last year.

- A raffle of energy related items.

- A roulette wheel with energy related items as prizes.

- Video game related to reducing our carbon footprints.

All agreed that as usual an electric vehicle should be on display.

Members were asked to think about these and any other ideas that come to mind.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Next Scheduled Meeting: 10 August 2023

Respectfully submitted, Mike Leavitt