

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6 , 2021
7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order
Present were committee members Roger Dionne, Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, and Ev Hyde.
2. Audience for Citizens
None
3. Additions to the Agenda
None
4. Approval of Minutes 8/4/21
Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Roger seconded, to approve the minutes of August 4, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Old Business
 - a. Composting campaign- flyers
The flyer was reviewed. Finalizing and distribution will be done after hearing if the RecycleCT Foundation grant was awarded through the HGEC composting application. The awards are delayed due to the large number of applicants. Linda Sanchini, teacher at Hampton Elementary School, was awarded a World Wildlife Federation Food Waste Warrior (FWW) grant to "actively engage students on the topic of food waste, foster an understanding of the connections between food and its environmental impacts, and standardize the measurement and reduction of cafeteria food waste in schools". Maryellen will contact Linda regarding the HGEC composting efforts. A long explanation of composting was included in the 27 page Wipe Out Waste! Guidebook HOW TO: REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE Everything mailed to households in 2017 and available at town hall thereafter. The committee will review the guidebook content to see if it needs updating. If the guidebook is posted on the town website, the flyer can include reference to the composting section of the guidebook.
 - b. Updates- HES, Solar Production, Killingly, Upcoming Actions
Solar production is found at the end of the notes.

Regarding the proposed Killingly power plant, Not Another Power Plant lost its appeal to the CT Supreme Court challenging the project's receipt of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Connecticut Siting Council. Not Another Power Plant argued that the environmental impact of enlarging the gas pipeline should have been determined at the same time as the environmental impact of the plant itself. The Siting Council said it was correct in determining the impact separately.

NTE applied for its plant permits in 2016. When the council reached its decision, Eversource had not applied for approval to expand the volume of an existing pipeline that runs about 2.5 miles through wetlands and open space to the proposed plant location. Not Another Power Plant lost in Superior Court, which said the council acted properly under state law when it "segmented" the plant and pipeline components of the project. The Supreme Court affirmed the decision, but three justices disagreed to varying degrees with the reasoning of the majority opinion (Hartford Courant, 9-28-2021)

There is a question whether the CT Siting Council would again look at the environmental impact of the pipeline and plant.

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Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environment Protection can be emailed at:
katiedykes@ct.gov.

Vigils are held at Killingly Commons from 11 to noon on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Save the date: The Sierra Club Connecticut and climate justice allies are planning "End Environmental Racism: A Climate Emergency Rally" for October 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the State Capitol Building in Hartford.

c. Solar Programs

Eversource has a new program rewarding towns for the number of Home Energy Solutions (HES) energy audits done in the town. Different from HES is *I Heart My Home*, a service that advises homeowners about energy related changes that would work well in their particular homes. It can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/iheartmyhome>

d. New members

The Board of Selectmen reappointed members to the HGEC. The current committee consists of seven members including Revell serving as an alternate. Their terms are as follows:

Member	Date last appointed	Term ends
Roger Dionne	9/2/21	1/1/22
Kate Donnelly	9/2/21	1/1/22
Maryellen Donnelly	9/2/21	1/1/22
Ev Hyde	9/2/21	1/1/22
Robert Marsh	9/2/21	1/1/22
Revell Sandberg-Diment	9/2/21	1/1/22
Rachel Girshick	9/2/21	2/4/23
Jon Matcheson	12/2/19	12/2/21

6. Adjournment

Maryellen moved, Ev seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Respectfully submitted
Maryellen Donnelly

The kilowatt hour production of the Hampton Elementary School 127.75 kW system through October 6 is **577,984.74 kWh**. Monthly production is as follows.

	2018 kWh	2019 kWh	2020 kWh	2021
January	3,067.42	6,752.87	6,423.62	4,327.26
February	4,848.27	7,875.31	8,469.23	1,874.79
March	4,328.11	9,615.21	12,459.69	10,519.1
April	9,414.68	10,629.28	11,981.67	9,397.3
May	16,455.24	13,386.62	17,515.65	10,960.36
June	18,022.09	15,794.2	12,836.26	15,278.73
July	17,723.88	17,599.83	13,536.38	13,517.65
August	15,353.24	16,083.83	10,564.1	12,208.2
September	10,765.24	14,252.19	8,255.62	9,867.26
October	8,613.04	8,411.21	5,776.89	Oct. 1-6 2,159.77
November	5,508.66	7,727.51	6,655.37	
December	7,906.74	2,990.17	3,249.6	

The yearly production of the Hampton Elementary school solar systems recorded on solarnoc.datareadings.com site is as follows.

2015	2,933.41
2016	42,631.76
2017	71,460.31
2018	122,006.61
2019	131,118.24
2020	117,724.09

The kilowatt hour production of the Town Hall 18 kW ground mount system is **2,960 kWh** from late September 2019 when the monitor began recording **until December 31, 2019**. The 2020 monthly production is as follows.

	2020 kWh	2021 kWh
January	961.07	837.02
February	1100	unable to view, contacted Shippee
March	1600	unable to view, contacted Shippee
April	1410	unable to view, contacted Shippee
May	2020	log in not responding
June	1810	log in not responding
July	1830	log in not responding
August	1540	log in not responding
September	1610	log in not responding
October	1190	
November	1010	
December	658.93	
Total	16,740	