

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:00. Committee members in attendance: Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ellen Embardo, Rachel Girshick, Bob Marsh and Sharon Wakely. Susan Lovegreen and Revell Sandberg-Diment joined at 7:02.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 12/10/14

Motion: Rachel Girshick moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2014 as corrected: 6. a. However, CL&P is requiring a study to determine transformer and transfer ~~trip~~ *switch* needs prior to proceeding.
The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Ashford Task Force February 7**

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force is planning a regional task force meeting for Saturday, February 7, from 9:30 to noon. Ashford's chair, Susan Eastwood, is the contact person.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Solar PV at Elementary School**

CL&P had accepted in its small Z-Rec program a project submitted by C-Tec Solar and the town of Hampton. However, CL&P recently stated that Hampton would need to install a \$250,000 switch and a transformer in order to use the panels. The committee has been told that there are not enough local customers to utilize the electricity produced in the summer in excess of what the school would use. Chair Kate Donnelly has requested a meeting with pertinent agencies and companies to review the project's production estimates and local usage. Requesting a smaller system is problematic through a small Z-REC Power Purchase Agreement because the cost per kWh that C-Tec Solar or any company would need to charge the school would be higher than that of the current project. C-Tec Solar has removed the solar panels delivered to Hampton Elementary School in anticipation of installation the summer of 2014.

Hampton can make a request to purchase energy from a solar farm being installed elsewhere. (These large installations are sited where there are large local power users.)

Kate will research whether Hampton has earned a photovoltaic system through the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program. A system was installed on the school in 2012 through this program and was increased in size through local funds.

b. **Lighting at Elementary School**

Maryellen Donnelly will contact Earthlight to request help in analyzing current usage.

c. **Green Energy Webpage**

Ellen Embardo shared what she found on local towns' websites. Ellen will continue to add items to Hampton's website and update links.

d. **Sunshot Survey**

Sharon Wakely and Susan Lovegreen have an appointment 1/15/15 with Hampton's building inspector in order to complete the survey.

e. **Energy Fair Forum**

i. **Vendors**

Kate Donnelly shared a notice that she will send to vendors who have confirmed participation in the forum. Ellen Embardo will collect photos of Hampton alternative energy systems for display. Kate Donnelly will provide a survey to solicit ideas and requests from residents. Those who complete the survey will be eligible for prizes. Committee members will provide educational activities. Maryellen Donnelly will work with school personnel on logistics and activities.

ii. **Flyer**

Rachel Girshick will complete a flyer for the forum.

iii. **Media**

Kate Donnelly will contact the Hampton High Road and the Chronicle.
Sharon Wakely will contact Charter Communications.
Susan Lovegreen will contact WINY.

iv. **Outreach-Mailing**

Motion: Ellen Embardo moved, Rachel Girshick seconded, that funds designated to HGEC be used to pay for a mailing about the Energy Forum. The motion passed unanimously.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 11, 2015.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Bob Marsh moved, Susan Lovegreen seconded, to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

Note: Minutes are draft until accepted at a subsequent HGEC meeting.