

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:03. Present were committee members Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Rachel Girshick, Ev Hyde and Bob Marsh. Also in attendance was First Selectman Allan Cahill.

2. Audience for Citizens

None

3. Approval of Minutes: 1/10/18

Motion: Rachel Girshick moved, Bob Marsh seconded to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Additions to the Agenda

Allan requested the Solarize be added to the agenda.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to add Solarize to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously. See 6b.

5. Old Business

a. Town Hall Solar Monitor

Shippee Solar, which moved the solar panels to a ground mount at Town Hall, recommended sense monitoring to assess generation. The monitor has an online portal and will also display electricity consumption in the building. Kate will forward Shippee's communication to Allan for purchase and installation.

b. P & Z Meeting-Solar Ground Mount Proposal

HGEC members will attend the Monday, 7 PM, February 26 meeting of Planning and Zoning. The letter expressing the concerns of the committee has been received by P & Z.

c. 100% Hampton Campaign Discussion

HGEC members will further explore how Hampton can generate enough renewable energy to offset what the town uses. Kate will invite Bernie Pelletier of PACE who discussed A Plan for 100% Renewable Energy in CT with the committee during its November meeting to return to further delineate our energy use data. Kate will also invite the Sierra Club which is also working toward complete renewable energy.

d. HES Solar

Kate will contact Green Bank and CTEC regarding generation and billing.

e. Website Updates

Members are encouraged to review the website continually to ascertain that information is up to date and that links continue to work. Please take notes.

6. New Business

a. CT Comprehensive Energy Strategy

Members discussed the proposals released by DEEP and the impact on the solar industry and systems that have been installed in Hampton. Rachel will draft a letter from the committee expressing concerns.

b. Committee members agreed that a campaign as a town is not warranted. Residents who wish to purchase a solar photovoltaic system can join in group purchasing currently in Windham and upcoming in Pomfret. Contact Kate for information. Allan emphasized that any projects should use American made and the most advanced technologies.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Rachel Girshick moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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