

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2015
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:03. Committee members in attendance: Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ellen Embardo, Revell Sandberg-Diment and Sharon Wakely. Also in attendance was Roger Dionne.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Roger Dionne remarked favorably about the solar PV on Hampton Elementary School.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/13/15

Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Ellen Embardo seconded, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Sharon Wakely moved, Revell Sandberg-Diment seconded, to add ZREC to new business. The motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Film Series

Thank you to Clay Colt and to Emma Lorusso of the Goodwin Forest Conservation Center for a successful June environmental film series.

A special thanks goes to Jean Pillo, the Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator of The Last Green Valley, for her presentation.

The films shown were:

Flow: For the Love of Water

Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?

Blue Vinyl

The Revenge of the Electric Car-You Can't Kill an Idea Whose Time Has Come Here Comes the Sun

The films and presentation, the advertising, the Goodwin venue including outdoor showings, and the food were appreciated by a good number of people.

b. Solar PV at elementary school

The solar installation by C-TEC Solar through a Small ZREC program Power Purchase Agreement has been completed and will soon be granted operation.

c. Lighting at elementary school-Bright Ideas Grant

A \$5,000 Bright Ideas Grant was awarded to Hampton from Eversource for points earned through energy efficiency activities such as hosting energy fairs and

completing Home Energy Solutions energy audits. Kate Donnelly reported to the Board of Selectmen that it has been determined that applying the grant funds to payments for the LED lighting at Hampton Elementary School is appropriate and will lower the principal owed to Earthlight Technologies.

d. Green Energy Webpage

The photos of alternative energy installations have been posted to the website.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for funding Hampton Elementary School

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Sharon Wakely seconded, that \$75 be given to Hampton Elementary School to be used for the solar cooker challenge. The motion passed unanimously. HGEC's Public Education funds will be used.

b. Solar Dedication-Light Bulb exchange-September 23, 5-7pm

A dedication of the new solar installation will be held at Hampton Elementary School at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. The committee will plan for

- Presentation of awards and certificates of participation in the solar cooker challenge by Hampton Elementary School faculty
- Presentation of the solar PV Small ZREC PPA system
- Display of data through monitoring of Hampton Elementary School systems and business cards with monitoring web addresses
- Display of some of Hampton's residential and municipal alternative energy installations
- Handouts: current Home Energy Resource Sheet and Energy Assistance for Winter 2015-2016 (if available from Connecticut Legal Services)
- Door prizes of five Home Energy Solutions energy audits, which include installation of energy efficiency products, for Hampton households (see new information received 8/13/15 in 7c.)
- Light refreshments
- Possibly sale or ordering of LED bulbs not available in exchange (see below)

In addition, Hampton households may exchange free of charge five incandescent or compact fluorescent light bulbs for LED bulbs from 5 to 7 pm.

c. Green Bank communities grant

A \$4,500 communities grant was awarded to Hampton from the Green Bank for points earned through renewable energy installations and the grant may be used for efficiency.

Motion: Ellen Embardo moved, Sharon Wakely seconded, to use \$2,000 of the Green Bank Communities grant for light bulb exchanges and Home Energy Solutions energy audits and the remainder of the grant to offset the cost of the Earthlight Technologies lighting project at Hampton Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously.

(Additional information received Thursday, August 13, 2015: The grant cannot be used for Home Energy Solutions energy audits.)

d. Regional Energy meeting-HES September 24

The Hampton Green Energy Committee will host the Eastern Workshop of the 2015 Regional Energy Solutions Workshop series sponsored by the Energize CT Communities Program. The event will be held at Hampton Elementary School at 5:30 and dinner is provided. Eversource will send a postcard announcement and has agreed to add information about the light bulb exchange to be held September 23rd. Kate Donnelly will ask them to add information about the solar dedication door prizes of energy audits.

e. ZREC

The last Small ZREC program continues to look for projects.

Motion: Revell Sandberg-Diment moved, Ellen Embardo seconded, to request C-TEC Solar to submit a small ZREC proposal for the roof only of the town garage. The motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Maryellen Donnelly 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.