

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:02. Committee members in attendance: Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly (7:15), Ellen Embardo, Ev Hyde, Susan Lovegreen, and Sharon Wakely. John Sokoloski joined the meeting at midpoint.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Prior to adjournment, John Sokoloski commented on his PV system and invited the committee to the parking lot where the committee learned about his Tesla.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/11/16

Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Ellen Embardo seconded, to approve the minutes of 6/8/16. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Elementary School Solar

The leased PV system was operational on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

b. Green Energy Webpage

No new report.

c. Benchmarking Town buildings

Maryellen attended an Eversource mandatory training session on July 28 and has been doing weekly conference calls providing information about town-owned buildings and their energy usage in order to be eligible for the Clean Energy Communities Program Bright Ideas grant funds. All town-owned buildings are included in benchmarking. The fire station and library may benchmark if their boards choose to use the Energy Star Portfolio Manager. An energy audit of one building will be done at no cost to the town. The goal of reducing energy usage "20% by 2018" was discussed in terms of work done on Hampton buildings prior to the baseline year discussed at the Eversource training, which is "going back only five years". Hampton has completed many energy saving measures in prior years.

d. Elementary School Energy Audit

The energy audit was completed and ERS has recently stated that they are continuing to work on the report.

e. Recycling Guidebook

Ellen worked on content and editing during the summer. Susan will now review the guidebook. Help with graphics and layout is being sought. Black and white printing with a color cover and a 5.5" x 8.5" format was generally favored. Approximate cost of production and funding for will be sought. Remaining issues are the best method of distribution to

Hampton households and what cost would be added if Scotland households were included given that we share a transfer station.

f. Plan of Conservation

Ev presented the energy section of the plan dated July 18, shared his thoughts and answered questions. The full plan will be discussed at a September 15 P&Z meeting. A public hearing on the plan will follow at a date to be determined.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. ZREC proposals Town Garage

Kate will ask C-TEC about the status of the proposal.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Susan Lovegreen seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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