

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 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, Ev Hyde, Bob Marsh, Revell Sandberg-Diment and Sharon Wakely. Also in attendance was Randy Thompson.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Randy Thompson informed the HGEC that the Planning and Zoning Commission requests that Hampton residents complete a survey designed to gather input prior to the P & Z Commission writing the next ten year Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Hampton received a plaque from Energize CT, Eversource Energy and Connecticut Green Bank that reads:

The Clean Energy Communities Program hereby presents this award of achievement at the Bronze level to the Town of Hampton in recognition of the community's leadership, environmental stewardship and commitment to clean and efficient energy in Connecticut.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 9/9/15

Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Rachel Girshick seconded, to approve the minutes of September 9, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Reports-Solar Dedication-Light Bulb exchange-Regional Energy meeting

The Solar Dedication was a festive event with Hampton Elementary School students sharing energy-related jokes and facts and leading the crowd in song. On display were a beautiful solar banner that students made in Elizabeth Lindorff's class and solar cookers that third graders made in Linda Sanchini's class. Awards for the most efficient cookers were presented. Jonah Mlyniec earned first place, Sydney Lovegreen earned second place; Tony Tatulli earned third, place and Kaya Morell earned fourth place. Thank you to teachers for leading students in solar related activities during the school day prior to the dedication, to Linda Sanchini for coordinating the evening event and to Principal Elise Guari for her presentation. Also presenting were Kate Donnelly, chair of the HGEC, and a representative of the photovoltaic system installer, C-TEC Solar.

The goal of more than ten percent of households exchanging light bulbs was met. The regional event sponsored by Eversource included presentations on benchmarking data, the CT Solarize program and a curriculum that is free to schools if there is participation in the related professional development.

b. Green Energy Webpage

Photos will be sent to Ellen Embardo for posting.

c. Z-REC proposal

The proposal will be submitted when proposals are requested. Residential homes will no longer be part of the Small Z-REC program.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Benchmarking Town buildings

Maryellen Donnelly will investigate the correct passwords and obtaining new data. Revell Sandberg-Diment offered to post data.

b. Plans for future

i. EV charging station

Sufficient electric vehicle charging stations are necessary and are best placed where there are activities for users while their cars charge. The committee discussed feasibility of an electric vehicle charging station near route 6 and Kate Donnelly will contact DEEP with a suggestion for placement at Goodwin.

ii. Composting initiative

The committee discussed the benefits of composting. Randy Thompson offered to bring the discussion to other boards. Maryellen Donnelly will find out if material from the schools is composted and on Revell Sandberg-Diment's suggestion, will ask leaders if any scout is interested in a campaign to promote composting.

iii. Geothermal for Elementary School

The committee discussed geothermal technology and agreed to ask a company to evaluate the possibility.

iv. Other Ideas

Revell Sandberg-Diment will investigate methane digesters and related grants.

Rachel Girshick will look for information on the local natural gas pipeline and shared information about www.geoengineeringwatch.org.

Randy Thompson shared information about [This Changes Everything](#) by Naomi Klein.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Rachel Girshick seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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