

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Committee members in attendance: Roger Dionne, Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ev Hyde (7:05), Bob Marsh and Revell Sandberg-Diment.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/9/13

Motion: Roger Dionne moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2013. The motion passed with all present voting in the affirmative except Roger Dionne who abstained. Ev Hyde arrived after the vote.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Film Series

The film series begins Thursday night. The committee talked about additional places to post advertisements for the series.

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| May 9 | <i>Energy Crossroads: A Burning Need to Change Course</i> |
| June 13 | <i>The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil</i> |
| August 8 | <i>Trashed: This Is the Story of Garbage...American Style</i> |
| Sept. 12 | <i>Revenge of the Electric Car, You Can't Kill an Idea Whose Time Has Come</i> |

The series is free (donations appreciated) and all shows begin at 7pm in the community room at Town Hall. Thanks to Clay Colt for providing the series.

b. Solar PV for Town Garage Z-REC proposal

Alex Fox from C-TEC attended the HGEC meeting in April. He responded that the kW usage at the Town Garage and the size of the roof at the Hampton Elementary school place Hampton in the small Z-REC category. (Virtual Net Metering, generating kW on one town site such as the Town Garage and applying them to another that uses more kW is not an option unless Hampton owns the PV systems outright. That is not the case in Z-REC or PPA financing.)

The committee will watch for submission dates for small Z-REC proposals. (It is currently time to submit in the category of medium-large Z-REC proposals.) Alex Fox will continue to pursue additional financing options for Hampton.

c. Lighting at Elementary School

Ev Hyde will forward information from Major Electric/ Granite City to Hampton Elementary School administration so that the Finance and Physical Plant and Operations committees can compare the scope and products proposed with those proposed by CONSERV. The CONSERVE proposal is higher and could be paid over 48 months to CL&P, as CONSERVE is one of the companies approved to do so.

d. Exterior Lighting at Town Hall update.

Funds are available for installation of the approved lighting and sensors at Town Hall. Committee members continue to encourage that the system be installed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Energy Legislation

SB 1138 recently passed in the Senate. The bill provides that Canadian hydropower be included as a renewable energy source in Connecticut's portfolio. The committee discussed the negative impact in CT on increasing renewable energy businesses and financing options. Piping natural gas derived from fracking into CT is also part of SB 1138. The House has not yet voted. Each committee member is encouraged to let Hampton's Representative Brian Sear know her/his view.

b. Regional Energy Forum

Chair Kate Donnelly proposed that the SunShot stipend of \$4,000 be used for a regional energy forum in September. Topics might include battery back-up for PV systems, financing options current at the time of the conference, advances in PV systems, etc. Invitations would go out to towns in northeast CT. People from many towns have expressed interest in gathering.

The U.S. Department of Energy requires that use of the money meet SunShot related initiatives. Generally, the funds may be used for non-hardware costs. Increasing the understanding of and facilitating the use of the following are included: solar photovoltaic systems, financing, acquisition, permitting and inspection.

7. NEXT MEETING

No discussion

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Roger Dionne moved, Revell Sandberg-Diment seconded, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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