

**Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
7:00 PM**

1. Call to order

Roger Dionne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Committee members in attendance: Susan Crawford; Roger Dionne; Kate Donnelly, ex officio, First Selectman; Maryellen Donnelly; Ev Hyde (arrived at 7:22); Bob Marsh; Frank Russell.

Also in attendance was Bob Yanders.

2. Additions to the Agenda:

4 e: Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Grant

3. Approval of Minutes: 6/1/11.

Motion: Frank Russell moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to approve the minutes of 6/1/11. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

a. Report of workshop meeting with other area towns.

"What Are the Next Steps for Clean Energy in Our Towns?" was very successful. The HGEC reviewed some of the news presented at the workshop.

b. Lighting-night options for municipal buildings.

HGEC is pricing LED outdoor lighting for municipal buildings.

c. New legislation exempting renewable energy installations from local property taxes.

New legislation has made renewable energy installations exempt in all Connecticut towns. Hybrid and electric vehicles are exempt by town ordinances.

4. Old Business:

a. Hampton Elementary School Solar Thermal System: Has LMG provided performance info requested?

HGEC is seeking this information.

b. Steps committee can take as result of multi-town workshop.

Hampton can:

- Work in area schools in order to foster student energy initiatives with the help of Laurel Kohl, Institute for Sustainable Energy @ Eastern
- Suggest that WINCOG explore an energy engineer for the region

- Explore a power purchase agreement (PPA) in light of new legislation which allow for virtual net metering of five municipal accounts
- Explore whether a PPA can be done on a regional basis
- Learn from progress of Neighbor to Neighbor program to continue to reduce energy use
- Monitor data/benchmarks of audited buildings
- Suggest energy audits of Fletcher Memorial Library to its Board and the Fire Station (Susan Crawford will communicate these suggestions.)
- Monitor implementation of new legislation, incentives, and new funding arrangements
- Communicate with residents and with other towns

- c. Hampton Elementary School roof status and PV system status.**
Maryellen Donnelly will ask HES PPO chair about communication to LMG regarding removing the solar-thermal system prior to installation of the new roof.

- d. Film Series**
The committee made suggestions regarding the films for a summer series that Clay Colt has volunteered to provide. Kate Donnelly will produce a flyer.

- e. Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Grant**
Kate Donnelly will initiate the process to obtain a photovoltaic system earned through The Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program.

6. Audience for Citizens None

- 7. Next Agenda Planning**
System earned through The Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program
HES new roof progress and reinstallation of solar-thermal system
Film series
Town energy plan
Outdoor lighting
Audits for Library and Fire Station

- 8. Adjournment**
Frank Russell moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly
Secretary