

Hampton Green Energy Committee

Hampton, CT 06247

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

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, Ev Hyde and Sharon Wakely.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/14/14

Motion: Ellen Embardo moved, Ev Hyde seconded, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Shared Solar Bill

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Solar PV ZREC proposal for elementary school

The town attorney is suggesting changes to the PPA contract and will forward them to the CEFIA attorney. The contract will need to be signed by a selectman.

b. Approval of proposal for lighting at Elementary School

Doug Lombardi of Earthlight Energy Conservation Solutions had provided a proposal for Dark Sky compliant lighting/energy efficiency at Hampton Elementary School. Payment will be through CL&P bills. The cost can be lowered by a down payment.

There was discussion regarding a change of the line item for solar to energy efficiency, conservation of energy being preferred to generation. Any future photovoltaic system on municipal buildings will likely be funded through a PPA since no CEFIA rebates are available to municipalities and system costs would be high without a PPA.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moves, Sharon Wakely seconded, that the \$16,000 line item for solar (soon to be changed to an energy efficiency line item) be used for energy efficiency measures and lighting at the elementary school. The motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Elementary School Solar car contest**

Linda Sanchini requested funding for a Hampton Elementary School (HES) solar car kit.

b. **Community Grant expenditure approval**

CEFIA Communities grants designated for education regarding renewable energy will be closed out and must be spent. Hampton's balance is \$724.00.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Ellen Embardo seconded, to contribute the CEFIA Communities Grant balance of \$724.00 to the ECO club at HES to be used for renewable energy education.

c. **Shared Solar Bill**

The legislature failed to pass a bill that would permit multiple households to use electricity generated by a photovoltaic system at one site.

8. Next Meetings

HGEC will not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 10th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Ev Hyde seconded, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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