

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:04. Committee members in attendance: Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ellen Embardo, Ev Hyde and Susan Lovegreen. Roger Dionne was also in attendance.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Roger Dionne announced that the National Drive Electric week is September 15-21. On September 20th, electric cars will be available for viewing at Price Chopper in Storrs from noon to 3PM. For more information, see driveelectricweek.org.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 7/9/14

Motion: Ellen Embardo moved, Susan Lovegreen seconded, to approve the minutes of July 9, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Solar PV at elementary school

Kate Donnelly provided the committee with a timeline from May through December 2014. The schedule for installation is October. The schedule for commissioning is December.

b. Lighting and energy efficiency measures at elementary school

Land Use Planner/Zoning Official Martha Fraenkel sent a letter to First Selectman Allan Cahill detailing the approval of the lighting plan. The contract with Earthlight Energy Conservation Solutions has been signed and Doug Lombardi of Earthlight is aware of all requirements for the lighting.

c. Green Energy Webpage

Ellen Embardo requested that HGEC members review the Green Energy Committee section of the town webpage and send ideas for updates to her.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Ashford Energy Forum**

The Ashford Clean Energy Task Force will host an Energy Forum on September 19, 2014 at 7 pm. The free event will be held at Knowlton Memorial Hall, 25 Pompey Hollow Road, Ashford.

b. **Project Gateway**

CEFIA's Associate Director of Outreach, Bob Wall, proposed informing Hampton residents who purchased or expressed interest in solar PV during the solarize campaign that there are financing opportunities for other energy or health related measures. Kate Donnelly will relate the committee members' suggestion that a letter be sent to all residents and that the Home Energy Solutions program be included. The committee targeted a mailing in October prior to increased need for heat, followed by a forum where residents can learn more about Smart-E loans and energy efficient products and systems.

c. **ZREC proposal for town garage**

The committee discussed small ZREC options for a photovoltaic system for the roof of the town garage. Virtual net metering, ownership of the system, energy credits, and financing are interrelated. Maryellen Donnelly will obtain energy use records.

d. **Climate Change March September 21**

There will be a climate change march in NYC on September 21.

e. **Direction of committee**

Committee members are encouraged to suggest other programs for the agenda.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 14.

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.