

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2013
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: Allan Cahill, ex officio, First Selectman; Roger Dionne; Kate Donnelly; Maryellen Donnelly; Rachel Girshick; Ev Hyde; Bob Marsh; and Revell Sandberg-Diment. Also in attendance were Dot Blocker and Mike Ford.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Chair Kate Donnelly read a letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen and copied to the HGEC and P&Z from Dot Blocker and Mike Ford.

Dot Blocker and Mike Ford addressed the committee regarding the PPA/ZREC proposal for the Town Garage. Mike Ford referenced Garage Committee meeting minutes of March 7, 2009, which stated that the property was to be as aesthetically pleasing as possible and that there was an anticipation of open space.

The state has not yet chosen which Z-REC proposal will be funded. Hampton submitted proposals for both the Town Garage and Hampton Elementary School. Kate Donnelly will investigate parameters of awarded proposals.

3. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

The only communication received was addressed in item 2.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 7/10/13

Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Roger Dionne seconded, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Kate Donnelly seconded, to add workshop reports (DEEP K-12 school and Communities) under Old Business f. Motion passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Solarize Program

Hampton applied along with Chaplin and Ashford to round three of a state sponsored program, Solarize CT, in order to obtain lower rates for residential solar installations. One company would be selected as an installer and the cost of systems would be lower dependent on the total number of kW purchased within twenty weeks in the three towns. Announcements of towns in round three will be made in early September.

b. Solar PV for Town Garage ZREC proposal

See item 2.

c. Lighting at the Elementary School

Outdoor lighting in each of two proposals will be observed at local schools and Hampton Town Hall prior to choosing a company. Some of the lighting to be observed is installed, some will be shortly

d. Update on Town Hall Lighting

The lighting fixtures have been received and the contractor will be installing them shortly.

e. Film Series

Revenge of the Electric Car, You Can't Kill an Idea Whose Time Has Come will be shown on September 12th at 7pm in the Community Room in Town Hall. It is the last film in the series.

The series is free. Thanks to Clay Colt for providing the series and the snacks.

f. Workshop Reports

Maryellen Donnelly attended a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection workshop for K-12 Public and Private Schools. Amnesty would be granted to schools for not completing state and federal clean air permits as long as steps were taken in efficiency and education of students and the educational community. Presentations included things covered in Energize CT programs, Performance Contracting, Green Leaf Schools and the use of the Energy Star Portfolio.

Kate Donnelly attended a statewide workshop sponsored by Clean Water where presentations focused on updates in programs for communities and businesses. She urges the Board of Selectmen to adopt the C-PACE program so that any business in Hampton that would like to take advantage of its benefits can do so.

7. NEXT MEETING

Agenda items were not discussed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rachel Girshick moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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