

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
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 were Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ellen Embardo, Ev Hyde, Revell Sandberg-Diment and Sharon Wakely. Also in attendance were Clay Colt, Bernie Pelletier, and First Selectman Allan Cahill (left during item 3).
2. Audience for Citizens
Allan said that the Board of Selectmen approved a contract to replace the windows in the upper level of Town Hall and that he would like to talk about using the Bright Ideas grant.
3. Presentation by Bernie Pelletier of PACE- A Plan for 100% Renewable Energy in CT
Bernie Pelletier presented data on the number of Hampton residents, households, types of heating, electric usage, number of cars, etc., and calculations of kWh usage and green house gas generated per person. Ideas to reduce usage, generate electricity and provide resilience when the grid is not available were also presented. Similar presentations will be held in towns throughout Connecticut. Bernie noted that Hampton would be able to meet its energy needs using solar power and storage, unlike more densely populated areas with little open space.
4. Approval of Minutes: 10/11/17
Motion: Sharon Wakely moved, Ellen Embardo seconded, to approve the minutes of 10/11/17. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Additions to the Agenda
None
6. Old Business
 - a. Benchmarking Data
Usage of electricity in municipal buildings is automatically entered on the Energy Star Portfolio Manager website. Maryellen will gather non-electric energy usage data at the end of the calendar year and enter it.
 - b. Webpage Updates
No new updates.
 - c. October 14 event review
 - i. Door Prizes
Part of the door prizes during “Electric Evolution, Renewable Solutions” included two prepaid Home Energy Solutions audits (evaluation, simple energy efficiency measures such as weatherstripping and discounts on other measures such as insulation or new appliances). One audit was claimed. The Hampton resident who won the other has not responded to emails and no phone number was provided. Maryellen will attempt to contact the person by going to the address provided. The committee drew a second resident in case the person does not want the audit, and a third as backup.
 - ii. Budget
The event remained within the allotted grant funds.

7. New Business

a. Reappointment to Committee

Terms of all members except Rachel Girshick expire in January. All committee members except Ellen and Susan wish to continue. Michael Quick requested to be added to the committee. Kate will provide names for reappointment/appointment. One opening remains which the committee would like announced on the town website.

b. Inconvenient Truth Sequel Film Showing

A mid winter showing at Town Hall was suggested.

c. Bright Ideas Grant

Hampton is eligible for another \$5,000 grant earned through HGEC activities promoting energy savings and installation of systems. Kate suggested that we apply quickly since the grants are awarded from the funds cut from the new state budget. Maryellen asked that we submit the request for a monitor for the Town Hall PV systems because there is no way to view production (as opposed to post-usage sales) or system failures without readings from the inverter meters in the basement, preferably on a daily basis.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Ev Hyde seconded, to apply for the Bright Ideas grant to purchase a monitor for the PV systems at Town Hall and related services and the remainder of the grant for Town Hall window replacement. The motion passed unanimously.

d. March Open House

At the request of staff at Goodwin State Forest, the HGEC will cosponsor the open house.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Revell Sandberg-Diment moved, Ev Hyde seconded, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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