

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:10. Committee members in attendance: Allan Cahill, ex officio, First Selectman; Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Rachel Girshik, Ev Hyde and Bob Marsh. Also in attendance: Alex Fox. Alex Fox left the meeting at 7:55. Ev Hyde left the meeting at 8:15.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1/9/13

Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013. The motion passed with all voting in the affirmative except M. Donnelly who abstained.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Maryellen Donnelly seconded, to add Sun Initiative Grant to the agenda under New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Rachel Girshik seconded, to move 6a (Discussion of PPA with Alex Fox C-TECSOLAR) prior to Old Business. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Exterior Lighting at Town Hall update.

Funds are available for installation of the approved lighting and sensors at Town Hall. Committee members encouraged that the system be installed.

b. Lighting at Elementary School

Cost of installation is being determined for the lighting system designed by Major Electric. Other design and installation proposals are being sought.

c. Discussion of Clean Energy Communities Program-energy benchmarking, letter to residents, Home Energy Solutions outreach

Benchmarking of energy use in municipal buildings continues. Hampton residents will be receiving a letter generated by the CT Clean Energy Communities Program encouraging their participation in Home Energy Solutions (HES). Through HES, utility-authorized contractors provide energy efficiency improvements in the resident's home such as new light bulbs and caulking windows and doors. Rebates for the purchase of energy efficient appliances and heating and cooling systems are also given. There is no fee to those who are income eligible. The current fee to others is \$99.

d. Film Series

Advertisement will commence soon for a film series to be held in the community room at town hall.

May 9 *Energy Crossroads: A Burning Need to Change Course*

June 13 *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil*

August 8 *Trashed: This Is the Story of Garbage...American Style*

Sept. 12 *Revenge of the Electric Car, You Can't Kill an Idea Whose Time Has Come*

The series is free (donations appreciated) and all shows begin at 7pm. Thanks to Clay Colt for providing the series.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of PPA with Alex Fox C-TEC

Alex Fox will assist Hampton in determining suitable size and financing for a photovoltaic system for the town garage and possibly additional PV for Hampton Elementary School. General discussion occurred regarding the benefits of a PPA agreement, the Z-Rec program, leasing, and purchase through bond in order to utilize zero net metering as well as owner responsibilities, cost of generated electricity, term of financing, life of pv panels, siting of panels and system size. Alex Fox will review the number of kW hours used at the garage (to be provided by Allan Cahill) and at the elementary school (to be provided by Maryellen Donnelly) and will propose a plan with consideration of factors discussed.

b. Sun Initiative grant.

Hampton is a participant in Sunrise New England Project and has received a SunShot stipend of \$4,000. The U.S. Department of Energy requires that use of the money meet SunShot related initiatives. Generally, the funds may be used for non-hardware costs. Increasing the understanding of and facilitating the use of the following are

included: solar photovoltaic systems, financing, acquisition, permitting and inspection.

7. NEXT MEETING

No discussion

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Rachel Girshik moved, Bob Marsh seconded, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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