

Hampton Green Energy Committee
Hampton, CT 06247
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
7:00 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kate Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Committee members in attendance: Kate Donnelly, Maryellen Donnelly, Ev Hyde, Bob Marsh (arrived 7:15) and Revell Sandberg-Diment.

2. AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/8/13

Motion: Bob Marsh moved, Ev Hyde seconded, to approve the minutes of May 8, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Solar PV for Town Garage Z-REC proposal

Alex Fox from C-TEC Solar, LLC, presented a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)/ Zero Emission Renewable Energy Credit (Z-REC) proposal for the town of Hampton for two photovoltaic solar systems. One system, approximately 87 kW, would cover the remaining front of the Hampton Elementary School roof. The energy produced would be used at HES and realize a 37% reduction in costs. The other system, approximately 17 kW, would be put on the Town Garage roof. The energy produced would cover all of its electric needs at the Town Garage and realize a 12% reduction in costs. Together, the projected production is 116,727 kW +/- 10% in the first year.

C-TEC Solar in conjunction with financing partner would own the systems and sell power to Hampton at a discounted rate for 20 years with option to extend in 5-year increments up to 30 years. Hampton will be offered the ability to buy it after 10 years. The renewable energy credits would benefit C-TEC.

To proceed, C-TEC needs a letter of intent from Hampton. (The letter of intent is not binding.) C-TEC would then submit a bid in the small tier of the Z-REC program. About 50% of the proposals are accepted. The Z-REC program is funded and administered through utility companies in conjunction with Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

Motion: Ev Hyde moved that the Hampton Green Energy Committee approve the C-TEC Solar proposal for submission to the small Z-REC program and that the proposal be presented to Planning and Zoning, Board of Selectmen and Board of

Finance for consideration. Bob Marsh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Lighting at Elementary School

Hampton Elementary School administration has the proposals from Major Electric/ Granite City and CONSERVE. Information about Major Electric/ Granite City fixtures (which are dark sky) and savings per fixture was recently given to administrators.

c. Update on Town Hall Lighting

No word has been received about installation. The funds have been allocated.

d. Film Series

The next film in the series is being shown Thursday, June 13th at Town Hall.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Solarize Program

The third round of the Solarize Connecticut program was announced today. Applications are due July 12. The program is administered by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA), which will select between four and eight communities. This is a residential program in which households benefit from aggregating the purchases of solar systems. More installations yield lower cost per watt. Currently, Windham and Mansfield are partners, adding their installations together. There is a single installation company and towns have input in selecting the company.

Committee members agreed that Hampton should partner with one or more towns. A commitment to reach out to residents is required for participation.

Motion: Maryellen Donnelly moved, Bob Marsh seconded, that Hampton apply to the Solarize Program with other towns. Motion passed unanimously.

Hampton Green Energy Committee will bring the Solarize Program to the July 1, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

Continue the current agenda items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ev Hyde moved, Revell Sandberg-Diment seconded, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Donnelly

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