

## Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 21 March 2019

Attendees: Annette Nichols, Bernie Volz, Carol Sullivan and Selectman Richard Drenkahn  
Chris Williams was not able to attend with notice.

Annette called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### On-going Business

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of February 21st were approved.

#### Election of Officers for 2019

Annette said she wants to step down as Chair of the Energy Committee since she will be taking on more responsibility with the Library Committee. She asked if anyone would be willing to take over as Chair. Bernie said he has been both Chair and Secretary of the Committee and wants to continue taking a break from these duties. Carol said she is willing to take on the position of Chair as long as someone else takes over as Secretary. Annette agreed to take over as Secretary at least temporarily. A vote was taken and the committee agreed to have Carol and Annette exchange responsibilities. **Thus Carol will become Chair and Annette will become Secretary starting with the April 2019 meeting and going through year-end 2019.**

#### Town Highway Garage Lighting Project - Open Action Items - Carol/Annette

The committee discussed the four bids that have been received for the Town Highway Garage Lighting project - from TNT, Kozlowski, Ecolectric and NHLED. Annette said that she talked to TNT again and they were going to review their bid and talk to their bulb supplier to see if they could reduce their bid costs. Annette said that she would like to see a spreadsheet comparing the four bids. **Bernie said that he would prepare a spreadsheet for the group after his business trip. The spreadsheet will also be shared with Jeff Haines of the Center Harbor Highway Department. Carol and Annette will forward data from the bids they received to Bernie. Carol said that EMC of Portland, ME may still bid. If EMC submits a bid, Carol will forward it to all Committee members and Bernie can incorporate it into the spreadsheet. The Committee will review the spreadsheet together at our April meeting. We will ask Jeff Haines for his input on the resulting bids and to attend our April meeting for this discussion if he is available.**

#### Benchmarking with Portfolio Manager - Dead River usage data

Carol has entered more heating oil usage data from Dead River for the Fire Department and Library. She provided the group with a document with spreadsheets and charts showing heating oil usage for the Fire Department for the heating seasons 2013 - 2014 through 2017 - 2018. **There were a few pieces of information missing which Carol will add to the document. She will also look for weather information for the periods shown and add this to the document.** The committee agreed that the analysis is useful should continue.

### New Business

**Gift Card:** Annette received a \$50 Chase gift card from NHSaves for participating in a survey about how our May 2018 Button Up Workshop went. We discussed how this money should be spent. **The Committee agreed that Annette could spend the money for personal needs but reimburse the committee when we had a need for it.** Such uses might include purchasing refreshments for a future workshop the Committee might sponsor for the residents of Center Harbor.

## Other Business

### Review of 2009 CHEC Workplan

**Studying activities of other Energy Committees: Looking at Accomplishments and how they attract members to their Energy Committees:** Carol mentioned that she had recently looked at some of the activities of the energy committee for the town of Lee, NH. Lee has a larger Energy Committee than Center Harbor and thus may be able to accomplish more. The Committee discussed how to attract more members. Bernie suggested adding information to the Committee's Annual Report about Committee members backgrounds to let residents know that it is not necessary to have a technical background in the area of energy conservation to be on the committee. **Carol will keep this in mind when preparing the next Annual Report.** It may be possible to find students from Interlakes, girl scouts or boy scouts or 4H members to help with certain activities of the Committee. **Richard will talk to Richard Hanson who heads up the Interlakes School Board to ask about student volunteers.**

### Review of 2009 CHEC Goals

See above.

### PAREI Update - Carol

Carol confirmed that other Committee members had received the PAREI March news. We discussed the activities that PAREI is currently involved in - including PAREI's Annual Business Meeting on Friday March 22 and NH Energy Week being held next week in various places throughout the state. The committee discussed the town of Sandwich near the fairground as a potential site for the solar shares project PAREI wants to do in the Squam Lakes region. Sandwich does not have an energy committee, however it has residents who are interested in energy and have been on the PAREI Board of Directors.

### Clean Energy NH Municipal Membership - \$250 Pending Town meeting approval

Now that the town's membership in Clean Energy NH has been approved, we can move forward with paying our membership fee. **Carol will send the application form to Robin along with an address and ask her to send the check.** NH-LES (Local Energy Solutions) which is part of Clean Energy NH put on a Webinar on Low Income Solar Projects in NH on Feb. 26. Carol watched the webinar. It is still possible to view the webinar on the Clean Energy NH website. **If there is an activity put on by Clean Energy Nh or NH LES that Center Harbor residents might benefit from, Carol will ask Bernie to post something about them on the town website.**

### LRCC Energy Efficiency Workshops - various dates in Feb/Mar

**Carol will continue to forward information to about LRCC workshops to Bernie for posting and to other interested Center Harbor parties such as Bill Ricciardi.**

**Bernie will check into whether he is able to access information about frequency of visits to the Energy Committee section of the Center Harbor website.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sullivan, March 22, 2019.

Note: Items in red are to flag actions needed.