

## **Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting - 20 June 2019**

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Chris Williams, and Annette Nichols and Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn. Bernie Volz excused with notice. Meredith Energy Committee Members Bill Baird, Jonathan James, and Bill Haley were welcomed as guests.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**Town Highway Garage Lighting Project.** Ecoelectric has ordered the lighting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jeff Haines liked the sample lighting and reports it will make a big difference.

**Recycling.** Carol talked to Mike Faller, Director of Public Works in Meredith, and is on the Board of Directors (BOD) for NRRRA. Meredith/Center Harbor are part of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) which helps with recycling solutions. [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net) There are opportunities to recycle all plastics, Nos 1-7 for manufacturing of plastic furniture by Tri-gon Plastics. Jonathan James flagged that in today's Laconia Daily Sun that Gilford is reporting a recycling opportunity to make money. There was an article about Bristol Swap and Shop shutting down.

Carol handed out a local community transfer station summary developed by Tamworth in Feb 2019.

Jonathan raised a question re whether Moultonborough's single stream solution might actually be cost effective.

Chris asked if some of this work be done via the Planning Commission, since many communities who participated as part of the Tamworth survey are part of the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Carol talked to Grace Garvey from Plymouth Energy Committee. They are working with Terracycle to recycle oral care products – toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, dental floss containers. Voices for Non-Plastic Choices. Candy and Snack wrappers, inkjet cartridges, etc.

Carol had sent out a link to Lebanon, NH recycling guidelines. She flagged that Meredith's program has not been updated since 2009, and suggested that possibly both towns could review and make recommendations for updates.

Carol is going to Tuftonborough with the Tamworth group to see their program.

**Solar.** Bernie Volz put us in touch with Gary Lamay. Carol talked to Scott ONeil from NHEC re the potential for grouping the town accounts re a solar array. Annette asked if Clean Energy NH could help with grants for an engineering study.

Bill Bayard said that the rental costs for street light fixtures is going down.

There is only single phase power at the former Center Harbor Dump area.

**PAREI Update.** Warren NH was chosen as a Solar Shares program on June 18.

Carol advised that she is unable to attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Annette moved to adjourn the meeting and cancel the July meeting due to limited activities. Chris seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, 20 June 2019.

Amended and Approved 15 August 2019.