

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 17 October 2019

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Bernie Volz, Chris Williams, Annette Nichols and Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of August 15th were approved as drafted. Bernie moved to accept; Richard seconded.

Town Highway Garage Lighting Project. The Town Highway Department cleaned up the area and painted the walls after the insulation and lighting projects were completed. The insulation project was completed in February 2018, so electric bills and propane usage should be tracked from that point to note improvements in heating efficiency. The Committee noted that no other projects for the garage are likely cost effective at this point in time. Dead River Fuel Company will allow Carol to get the fuel usage directly.

Recycling. Tamworth has both a recycling group and a solar group. Carol had attended the Tamworth recycling group back in June, but there has been no new updates to date. Tamworth is considering a solar project and working with the Town Select Board. Carol continues to keep in touch with Meredith, Tamworth and Plymouth.

Plymouth is still working with Terracycle. The CEO of Terracycle is working on more packaging that could be reused via another venture called Loop. The NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) is in Epsom. They have monthly meetings. Carol has joined and may attend their annual meeting in November.

Bernie suggested we might want to consider a meeting with Meredith that includes a tour of the recycling facility to understand the issues and the costs.

Solar. Bernie suggested we look at bundling accounts to look at a potential solar project. The former landfill site at Kelsey Road perhaps should be considered. Chris W is on the Facilities Team at Castle in the Clouds, who is considering a solar project, and has concluded that it is more cost effective to own the equipment rather than a lease arrangement. He will discuss with Revision Energy if there might be an option for the Town.

PAREI. There are several Button Up Workshops in progress this month (Jaffrey and Campton).

Clean Energy NH Update. The annual conference is on Nov. 15 in Concord. Carol will attend.

Recurring Meetings with Energy Committees from other Towns. There is limited information online regarding what neighboring towns are doing. Chris asked if Lakes Region Planning Commission might be an option to be a conduit for information.

Bernie is unable to attend to attend the November meeting. Richard will advise on the existing ETF balance.

Annette moved to adjourn the meeting; Bernie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21st, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, October 24, 2019