

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 21 Jan 2021

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

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of Feb 20, 2020 were approved as written. Bernie moved to accept; Richard seconded.

2020 Municipal Lighting Project

The project was completed in 2020. The final invoices were paid and rebate received for 75% of the total project cost in 2021. All committee members thanked Carol for her stewardship of this project to completion, including obtaining the NHEC rebate.

2020 Energy Committee Annual Report of Activities

The committee approved the updated draft of the report to the Town.

New Business

Carol proposed that the activities be suspended with occasional meetings depending on need and member availability. All members agreed.

Chris proposed that the committee consider Town support of the NH Energy Codes to be upgraded to the Federal Energy Codes. The approved NH code is nominally 4 years behind the Federal Code. Annette expressed concerns about not knowing the ramifications of such support. Chris will advise as he learns more.

The committee agreed to maintain a \$1 placeholder for the Energy Trust Fund in the 2021 Town budget.

Other Business

A. Benchmarking: Energy Usage Database – Bernie will continue to maintain the database.

B. Clean Energy NH – The committee recommends that the Town renew the Municipal Membership of \$250 for 2021.

C. Local Energy Solutions – Carol attended the October 2020 LES conference. It had limited applicability for Center Harbor this year. Community Power

legislation was approved in 2019, but there is a current re-evaluation within the legislature. Carol sent out background information on this issue.

D. PAREI – PAREI is pursuing a Solar Shares project in Rumney, NH. Consideration had been given to looking into potential projects for Holderness and potentially Center Harbor, but there is no active consideration for either town.

Bernie moved to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Future meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, **Jan 21, 2021**