

Center Harbor Energy Committee

FINAL Minutes of Meeting – August 18, 2022

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

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Bernie moved to accept the minutes as written. Richard seconded. The minutes of the meeting of July 18th were approved.

Upgrade lighting in Fire Station. Bert Sutcliffe will meet with the Fire Department on August 29th at 8:30 a.m. The scope would potentially include indoor lighting, outdoor lighting, and mini-splits. Options may include a low level dusk sensor for public or staff access, with a higher access light that is manually operated.

Research Options for improving heating/cooling reliability in Town Hall and Fire Station.

Richard advised that Northern Peabody installed an insulation barrier on the outdoor unit. Which is supposed to resolve outstanding issues. They can install a new system if necessary, but it would involve replacement of the entire inside and outside system at great expense. The CHEC will revisit the issue in spring, after the new barrier is tested in winter conditions.

New Business.

Chris expressed concerns about dead trees on Waukewan and Bartlett Hill Roads that have the potential to cause power interruptions. Bernie advised that the NHEC wont deal with any trees outside their right of ways.

Bernie updated the energy statistics and noted that the historic trends from 2015-2021 shows that the Town is generally reducing energy usage.

Other Business

PAREI Update.

Bernie met with NHEC and Sandra at LRCT last week. The layout is in progress. The proposed system will be nominally 30-35 kW.

Carol reported that PAREI have questions about how needy families would be identified and supported. She will discuss with Robin W. who is the Town Welfare officer.

Button up workshops via Zoom will continue to be scheduled. The utilities want to support these through NHSaves.

Clean Energy NH Update.

Clean Energy NH is hiring Circuit Riders, which are grant funded technical support assistants to help municipalities identify and fund projects. Details are on the cleanenergynh.org website.

NH EEC Network – Single Use Plastic Free July Update.

On August 25th, there is a presentation to use mushrooms to replace single use plastics.

Annette expressed concerns that some of the discussions through this Network subcommittee are moving away from the CHEC core mission of working to identify town energy efficiency projects.

Annette moved to adjourn the meeting; Richard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Sep 19.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, **September 16, 2022**