

## **Center Harbor Energy Committee**

**FINAL** Minutes of Meeting – October 17th, 2022

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Bernie Volz, Chris Williams, Annette Nichols and Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn. Bill Haley from Meredith Energy Committee was welcomed as a guest.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Chris moved to accept the minutes of the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. Bernie seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Upgrade lighting in Fire Station.**

Bert Sutcliffe has not been able to develop and submit a proposal based on the August onsite discussion with CHEC representatives and Fire Chief Driscoll. The Committee discussed that they assume the priorities are the outdoor lighting at this time. The outdoor lighting project would be a maintenance project rather than a CHEC funded project since it does not save energy, and the Fire Department can consider a second proposal.

### **Potential Solar project for behind municipal building.**

Bernie presented a proposal for a ground-mounted system. The preliminary design would generate a nominal 130 MW/yr. The Town usage is nominally just over 100 MW/yr. Any excess would be sold back to the NHEC. The conceptual estimate is nominally \$311,000 excluding trenching. A ground mounted system is nominally \$280/kw vs a roof mounted system at nominally \$220/kW.

The Inflation Reduction Act may potentially allow the Town to get a rebate up to 30%. Details are sketchy at this time.

Bill Haley advised that Meredith doesn't have space near the municipal facility. Their project would likely be a PPA agreement rather than purchased directly by the Town.

### **New Business.**

No new business.

### **Other Business**

Bill discussed that the only potential property for a ground-mounted system in Meredith is on Town property on Parade Rd. Their project for a roof mounted system scope is under development.

Bill advised that nominally 30% of the town streetlights were not working, and lights are in the process of being replaced with LED. There are grants for DPW for pumping projects.

**PAREI Update.**

The LRCC project is ongoing and under development.

**Clean Energy NH Update.**

Bill attended the Local Energy Solutions Annual Conference. He advised on projects for Wolfeboro and Peterborough for EV charging stations.

Bernie moved to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21st.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, **January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**