

Center Harbor Energy Committee

UPDATED FINAL Minutes of Meeting – November 21st, 2022

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Annette Nichols and Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and reported that the absent members are unaccounted for. Carol moved to accept the minutes of the October 19th meeting as amended. Richard 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.

Potential Solar project for behind municipal building.

The Inflation Reduction Act Rebate may not be available to Towns. Richard reported that Bernie presented the project to the Select Board, and they recommended that the consultant review the project in the field. The Select Board recommended that the project be presented as a proposal rather than a warrant article for 2023, as it would require a special meeting since it has visual and funding implications.

Carol suggested creating a list of talking points for a potential solar project for the March 2023 Town Meeting which would address background for the project, site, size of project, preliminary costs, and funding options (money from the Inflation Reduction Act, PPA, etc.) She offered to prepare a preliminary draft for the committee to review and comment.

New Business.

No new business.

PAREI Update. PAREI is developing a new headquarters in Plymouth. Carol sent out the PAREI Vision for 2030.

Clean Energy NH Update.

Clean Energy NH has had changes in leadership. On October 24th, Chris and Carol attended an event sponsored by Clean Energy NH and Revision Energy at Patrick's Pub in Gilford to meet some of the new people and hear recent information about solar projects and rebates available through the Inflation Reduction Act. Clean Energy NH's Circuit Rider program offers services to cities and town in helping plan, finance and implement solar and other energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Through this program CENH staff (designated as Circuit Riders) provide assistance to member municipalities in

several regions within NH. They would like to help support our project as needed. Carol advised that our primary support is with Ted Vansant and Barrington Power.

NH Network Update

Webinar on December 1st. Carol is on the Plastics subcommittee. She talked to Hannaford manager about options for single use plastics reduction.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th, 2022.

Respectfully updated and resubmitted, Annette Nichols, **February 19th, 2023**