

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 2 March 2017

Attendees: Annette Nichols, Bernie Volz, Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn, Carol Sullivan. Chris Williams was not present (with notice).

Annette called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

On-going Business:

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of February 2nd were approved.

Annette then proposed we move the “New Business” earlier so that Carol Sullivan would not need to sit through much of the meeting (though she was more than welcome to).

New Business:

Carol Sullivan. Carol Sullivan, a resident of Center Harbor, is involved with PAREI as a volunteer and has 2 photovoltaic arrays at her house. She is interested to see if the Town would consider a photovoltaic array to offset some (or all) of its electric costs (the Town has budgeted for a bit over \$23K for 2017). Bernie provided some history - the [Jordan Institute Energy Audit](#) (2009) had suggested a photovoltaic array and that the committee had applied for a NH Office of Energy and Planning grant in 2010 that included an array (we did not get the grant). The Energy Committee would be interested in hearing about any proposals, especially with possible grants. As Carol is working on grant proposal writing, Bernie asked if Carol would be interested in potentially working on future grant proposals for the Energy Committee. Carol was also encouraged to consider joining the Energy Committee.

Carol recommended that the Energy Committee take a look at the [Wolfeboro, NH Community Energy Plan](#).

On-going Business (remaining items):

Library Lighting Upgrades Project. Annette updated the committee on the current status. After some difficulty, she was able to get a better sense of when the Elliptical lighting materials might arrive. Presently, shop drawings, which must be approved, are being finished and should be available for review and sign-off next week. Annette provided some dimensions needed for the drawings. After that, it will take 4-6 weeks for the lighting materials to be built and delivered. She was also in contact with TNT to update them and get them involved in reviewing the shop drawings.

Town Garage Energy Savings Opportunity. Bernie had developed a preliminary draft of an RFP which was circulated to the committee. The committee discussed that additional information needs to be added. Key items are:

- A drawing and pictures of the Highway Garage. Perhaps building drawings that Jeffrey Haines provided Shakes to Shingles can be used?
- More details from the materials provided by Shakes to Shingles are needed in scope of

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work. This will make comparing responses to the RFP easier to compare.

- A prioritized list of the scope of work items based on the Shakes to Shingles payback and SIR (savings/investment ratio).

Annette agreed to work with Bernie to provide a more complete draft for the April meeting.

Other Business:

Terms of Service: The terms for all members expire in 2018. The selectmen representative will be appointed by the Selectmen at one of their meetings after this year's Town Meeting.

PAREI Round Update. Annette was requested by PAREI (actually, it was an email forwarded from the Environment New Hampshire, a statewide environmental advocacy group) to have energy committee sign the RGGI (Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative) letter ([read it](#)). The committee discussed the letter and does not feel it is appropriate to sign such a letter.

Annette also distributed two documents from the Town of Durham, NH that committee members are asked to ***review for discussion at the April meeting:***

- [Four Policy Steps to Becoming an Energy Forward Town in NH](#)
- Energy Considerations Checklist (Google search for document only turns up broken links, see email from Annette sent 2/27 with subject "Fwd: RGGI Advocacy Opportunity").

The meeting adjourned about 8:45 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for April 6th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bernie Volz, March 3rd, 2017.