

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting - 1 October 2015

Attendees: Chris Johnson, Bernie Volz, Chris Williams, Steven Caney, Annette Nichols, and Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn.

Chris J called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of September 3 were approved.

Update on Street Lighting public hearing. As recorded in the Selectmen's minutes of September 23, the CHEC recommendations are completed and final decisions will be made by the Selectmen. Richard D reported that the Selectmen deliberated further at the September 30 Selectmen's meeting, and final recommendations will be reported in the minutes of that meeting.

The Selectmen had requested that the CHEC further review available technologies as was recommended by Steven C at the September 16 public hearing. Chris J requested that a subcommittee be formed to follow up with this. Steve C will meet with John Bovin, who has done some research on what other larger towns in NH have evaluated. He will try to meet prior to the Regional Energy meeting of October 22, 2015.

Review of final Fire Station Insulation specifications and schedule of project completion. Chris W advised that the RFP is currently out for bid with four insulation contractors. The updated schedule has a walk through of the project with the bidders on October 14 at 10:00 a.m. Fire Chief Leon Manville and Electrician Jack Koslowski will be invited to the walkthrough. The CHEC recommended that Jack Koslowski be consulted to make minor modifications to maintain the electrical code requirements for junction boxes, etc. that might be impacted by the insulation installation. The bids are due on Nov. 4. The RFP document advised that the award would be made on Nov. 5. However, the CHEC requested that the award should be made on Nov. 11 to allow for bid conditioning and cost/benefit analysis. The implementation schedule with the selected bidder needs to be coordinated with the Fire Department for moving materials that are in the way of the insulation work. All work is to be completed by the end of Dec.

Fire Station Dampers. Annette presented her design for the fire station covers for the existing fire station exhaust dampers. The CHEC had some comments and questions about options for the covers. Chris W and Steve C recommended that a meeting be held with Annette and Brad Corniveau to enhance the proposal. The CHEC recommends to the Selectmen that funds not to exceed \$1500 be appropriated from the Energy Reserves to implement and install the two covers. Annette advised that Fire Chief Leon Manville is aware of the proposed solution and the seasonal requirement to install and remove the covers.

Draft Policy (Guideline) for Street Lighting. The CHEC discussed and made minor comments to the proposed Street Lighting Policy, including referring to it as a Guideline, rather than a Policy. Bernie will draft up a form to be used for residents to either add or delete lights as part of the Guideline.

Library lighting upgrades. Chris J met with the Library Trustees on Sept 23 to understand their priorities and independent funding they can support. The Library Trustees agreed to share the costs (50/50) of hiring Jack Koslowski to perform an initial survey of the rewiring and lighting needs of the library. The project will be broken into two pieces; redoing the lighting in the book storage area, and upgrading the wiring to NEC standards. Chris J had advised the library trustees that the CHEC funds would support the lighting upgrades, but that the wiring upgrades need to be funded as a maintenance project, and not an energy conservation project. Chris W recommended that lighting consultant Dan Barnard be brought into the project. Chris W will set up a meeting with Dan, Chris J and Chris W in the 2nd week of October, and Chris J will meet with Jack K in the 3rd week of October. Chris J noted that the library currently has backup CFL fixtures stored, but the ideal lighting recommendation will likely include LED's.

Meeting with Meredith (and other Towns) Energy Committee. Bill Bayard from Meredith Energy Committee had forwarded a draft agenda for the subject meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 7 pm at the Meredith Community Center. The meeting will be co-sponsored by Meredith and Center Harbor Energy Committees. To date the towns invited are Ashland, Holderness, Moultonborough, Sandwich, and Tamworth.

In addition to an open discussion and reports on individual Town projects (past, ongoing, and future), there will be a presentation on the Interlakes School District efficiency upgrades, and some discussion on regional collaboration opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for November 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols 5 October 2015.