

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 5 May 2016

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

Annette called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of March 3rd were approved.

Fire Station Insulation Project. The contractor cleaned up the issues as discussed at the March meeting and in the walk-through (and most were addressed before Town Meeting). The Town received the check for \$1706.25 from NHEC. This project is now considered finished and will be removed from the agenda.

Annette noted to the Committee that the covers for the fan louvers were still on and suggested the Committee monitor them to make sure they are off for the upcoming warmer weather.

Library Lighting Upgrades Project. Annette updated the group on the meeting with the Library Trustees, which Chris, Bernie, and Annette attended, and lighting demo done by Richard Lilly (of Charron Inc) at the Library on Monday, April 25th. Annette distributed a sheet with the Library Lighting Options; the last (and least expensive) option (“good option”) is being dropped. An alternative Elliptipar option will be considered. Discussions about these stack lighting options and also the up lighting options for the dome were then discussed.

Chris asked whether the plan was to use funds from the Energy Conservation & Improvements Expendable Trust Fund for part (or most) of the project. Bernie indicated that while the thought has been for at least some funds to come from the Trust Fund, because this will actually increase lighting costs (though significantly improve the lighting quality of the library stacks), we would have to review whether this meets the intent and purpose of the Trust Fund – and ultimately it is up to the Selectmen.

While not available during the meeting, the 2010 Town Warrant that established the Trust Fund read:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund, under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Energy Conservation & Improvements Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of implementing the recommendations from the energy audit and future evaluations, as may be performed on municipally owned buildings and grounds and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Annette then asked how best to proceed with the RFP. The group discussed several options and decided to wait for more information coming from Richard Lilly before finalizing the plans for the RFP, likely at the June CHEC meeting.

Annette will continue to work with Richard Lilly and the Library Trustees.

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New Business. Bernie asked whether there was anything new regarding the Town House rehab that the Heritage Commission is working on. But there is not as of yet.

Other Business:

PAREI Energy Roundtable. Annette and Chris attended this meeting on Tuesday, March 29th. The purpose is to see what could be done better when working regionally. About 15 people from Meredith, Plymouth, Holderness, Bristol, Sanbornton, and Center Harbor Energy Committees attended. No news yet on when and where the next quarterly meeting will be held.

Solar 101 Workshop. This event was held on April 23rd at the Wolfeboro Town Hall. No one from the committee attended.

CHEC Web Site. Nothing new here. At some point we need to review pages from the old site (<http://www.realitychec.org>) that we want to move to Town's site. Many of the pages are dated. The old site will be available until March 20, 2017 if we don't renew it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for June 2nd, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Chris indicated he would not be available.

Respectfully submitted, Bernie Volz, May 6th, 2016. Updated based on comments from Annette, June 7th, 2016.