

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 17 January 2019

Attendees: Annette Nichols, Chris Williams, Carol Sullivan and Selectman Richard Drenkahn. Bernie Volz was not able to attend with notice.

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

On-going Business:

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of November 15th were approved.

Town Highway Garage Lighting Project - Open Action Items:

Carol contacted EMC (a firm recommended by Joe Lajewski from NHEC) to discuss with them the feasibility and possible costs to have them help us find an electrical contractor for both lighting and an infrared heating system for the Town Highway Garage. Carol talked to Kayla Hanson of EMC who said they could advise us on both projects. A rep from their company would visit the garage, analyze our needs and then recommend contractors to work with us. This initial visit would be free. If we decide to continue with them, there would be a fee for their service, but they would handle everything for us, including reporting to NHEC. She suggested I send her the RFP for Lighting and then we can discuss next steps. Carol did send them the RFP. Carol also contacted Ecoelectric in Plymouth (another suggestion from Joe Lajewski). Bert Sutcliffe of Ecoelectric was interested in the lighting project and asked for a copy of the RFP. The committee agreed that we should send the RFP to Bert. **Carol will send the RFP to him.** Annette talked to Angela LaBrecque in Meredith about whether they had an electrician they use. They do not. Carol also called Walter Johnson in Moultonborough, Ted VanSant in Holderness and Larry Mauchly, an electrician in Plymouth. Walter and Ted did not return the calls. Larry Mauchly said that he would recommend Bert Sutcliffe to contact about the garage lighting. **Annette will contact TNT to review the proposal they submitted last Spring. She will also contact Kozlowski Electric to see if they have an interest in this project. Carol will call Ted Vansant again. Annette will contact Walter Johnson about attending our next meeting to talk about Moultonborough forming an energy committee and other issues such as electricians.**

Benchmarking with Portfolio Manager/Recording Town Energy Usage.

Carol reported that she had more energy usage data from NHEC for the end of 2018 to share with Bernie. **Annette will deliver it to Bernie so he can continue that analysis.** As promised, Annette shared past data about fuel oil usage by the Fire Department with Carol and she was able to enter it into Google Sheets and product charts. She handed

out a rough draft of tables and charts showing Fire Dept usage during the winter seasons 2013 to 2014, 2014 to 2015 and 2017 to 2018. Further tables and charts for the Fire Dept cannot be prepared until we have usage data for 2016. The committee agreed that showing data by heating season (October to April as Richard had suggested) is useful. Further analyses of fuel oil and propane usage by the Town Garage and Library can be done when we are able to obtain more data. **We may be able to get usage data from Dead River. Carol will check with Dead River.** We also may be able to get heating degree and cooling degree days data to add to the analysis from Bernie.

New Business

Clean Energy NH Municipal Membership - \$250

Carol forwarded an email from Henry Herndon inviting Center Harbor to become a municipal member of Clean Energy NH (formerly New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association). By joining we will have access to technical assistance on energy projects. We will also have access to other towns throughout the state with energy committees, be able to network and benchmark with them and have first hand knowledge and expertise of energy efficiency incentives and financing. The cost of membership is \$250. This also covers the cost for two people to attend the Local Energy Solutions Conference held every year around October. Depending on the approval of the cost by the Selectboard, the committee agreed to join this group for a year to experience the benefits. **Carol will contact Henry to let him know that we plan to become a member depending on our Selectboard's approval. Richard will present this at the next Selectmen meeting next Wednesday, January 23.**

Request from NH Saves and The Cadmus Group to evaluate the effect of the Garage Insulation Work

Bernie and Carol were contacted by Joe Lajewski and a rep from The Cadmus Group to inform us that the Center Harbor highway garage insulation project was randomly chosen by NH Saves to be further analyzed. They asked us if we would be willing to participate and told us they wished to visit the garage on Friday January 18. Carol talked to The Cadmus Group about how the analysis would affect the garage space and the extent of necessary involvement by Garage personnel. Since these would be minimal, Jeff Haines approved the visit. **Carol will meet The Cadmus Group rep on Friday morning Jan. 18.** Jeff will attend depending on work demands.

Other Business:

Review of 2009 CHEC Workplan - Open Action Items

Annette communicated by email with Angela from Meredith about the effort to recycle construction waste in the Meredith/Center Harbor Transfer Station. Angela responded that personnel at the Transfer Station feel that the effort to recycle construction waste is dangerous, thus they are not attempting to do this. Annette has asked Angela to discuss this further with her. She is waiting to hear back from her. **The committee can further define the goals in the Workplan to identify what goals are appropriate and doable by the committee. The committee is already pursuing some of these - such as educating Center Harbor residents about energy saving opportunities when building new homes or renovating existing homes.** Item #29 - property tax credit /relief for energy efficiency improvements can be a part of this education. Hopefully by joining Clean Energy NH we will have access to all the latest information about property tax credit and relief for energy efficiency improvements.

Review of 2011 CHEC Goals - No action

PAREI Innauguration - Update

Carol has not followed up Sandra Jones. She will contact her and ask how we can best be informed about new projects they are undertaking.

NH Local Energy Solutions Update

As stated above, we are hoping to become a member of Clean Energy NH (formerly New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association). NH Local Energy Solutions is a part of Clean Energy NH.

LRCC Energy Efficiency Workshops - various dates in Feb/Mar

Carol and other Energy Committee members are informed by Andy Duncan about these workshops. We then share this information with other committee members. **This should continue and perhaps we can find a way to inform Center Harbor residents who may be interested.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Sullivan, January 18, 2018.

Note: Items in red are to flag actions needed.