

## **Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting - 16 May 2019**

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Bernie Volz, Chris Williams, and Annette Nichols.  
Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn excused with notice.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of April 18 were approved as amended.

**Town Highway Garage Lighting Project.** Ecolectric will be installing sample lights to make sure all are OK with the color temperature. The Committee discussed and will recommend to the Town that the garage be either be repainted or consider installing fiber reinforced washable plastic to brighten the space. Bernie will discuss this with Jeff Haines. Carol reported that all NHEC paperwork has been submitted following Select Board Approval.

There was no **New Business**. Carol talked to Angela LaBreque, Meredith Town Planner, re their benchmarking efforts with Portfolio Manager. Carol talked to the IL assistant superintendent of schools re their recycling program, which includes composting and a greenhouse. Carol will go to Meredith's energy committee meeting next month.

Carol reported that she received a letter and Certificate from Clean Energy NH. Annette suggested that we consider writing a press release for the Committee and include information from this organization as part of the article. She will write a first draft of a proposed article for the Meredith Record and Laconia Daily Sun prior to the next meeting.

**Recycling in Other Towns.** Carol is starting to network with Tamworth re their efforts to collect data and information on recycling efforts in other towns. They are working with Casella, a family run business based in VT.

Carol talked to Grace Garvey from Plymouth's energy committee. They had an opportunity to develop a solar project, but are no longer developing that original project. They are talking to TerraCycle re some new options.

Carol talked to Mae Williams and other sources re the potential for solar panels and found that it is a challenging proposition to incorporate solar panels without impacting the existing character of the building.

Carol talked about the potential for solar panels on the old dumpsite. Chris suggested we consider the previous old dumpsite on Keyser Road (off College Ave). Bernie will talk to Jeff about having the CHEC look at this dumpsite.

Chris is on the board of Castle in the Clouds and reported that they found it is more effective to site it on a horse barn, which faces south.

**PAREI Update.** PAREI is initiating a new project in Warren, NH.

**Clean Energy NH Update.** There is a meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> looking at tax options. They are reporting on pending new legislation, which may consider letting larger projects net meter. They are offering support to towns in Coos County in an effort to drive energy efficiency in this region.

Richard D forwarded a potential opportunity for a solar farm from Renewables Worldwide, which could result in a potential rebate. Bernie noted that there are many similar companies. The Committee recommends no follow-up at this time.

Annette moved to adjourn the meeting, Bernie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

The next meeting scheduled for June 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Bernie advised that he is unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, 22 May 2019.