

Center Harbor Energy Committee Minutes of Meeting – 15 August 2019

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

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of June 20th were approved as amended – Richard moved to accept; Carol seconded.

Town Highway Garage Lighting Project. The final invoice for lighting from EcoLectric is \$6056.00. A rebate of \$2472.50 from NHEC was received by the Select Board on July 25th.

Joe Lajewski from NHEC suggested we contact Bill Johnstone from NHEC to get the bills directly rather than having to go through the Town. Bernie will contact Bill to see if we can get this information.

The Town employees prefer to do their own painting of the garage walls.

Recycling. Carol has been communicating with Tamworth and Plymouth re their programs. There is no new information from Tamworth. Plymouth is having a meeting with Voices for Non-Plastic Choices. Recycling in Tuftonborough has a good segregation plan; however, they are not interested in transporting materials to Trigon Plastics in PA. They are giving their materials to Waste Management Inc. Bernie flagged that the Meredith/Center Harbor transfer station doesn't take all of No.1 and No. 2.

In the June CHEC meeting, Jonathan James from Meredith had asked if the Moultonborough single stream solution might be cost effective. Carol has started investigation and hasn't yet found good solutions. Grace Garvey has found a Japanese – plastics to oil company.

NH DER has good recycling information online.

Northeast Waste Management Waste Operators association is another potential resource.

Tamworth went to Tuftonborough to review Tuftonborough's transfer station.

Bill Haley had asked Carol for some examples of energy calculations.

Bernie suggested we flag when the garage insulation was done. The garage LED lighting was completed in July 2019.

Solar. Plymouth decided to go with a 5 year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Constellation Energy out of Manchester with 100% green energy. It will be a

higher initial price (\$0.07404 vs \$0.07488). The majority of wind and solar credits are out of Texas

The Plymouth energy group is working with Plymouth State University regarding recycling and composting.

Henry Herndon of Clean Energy NH sent out an RFP template for towns to get Solar, either self owned or as a purchased power agreement.

Annette went to the Squam Lakes Association solar project groundbreaking on August 3rd.

PAREI Update. PAREI (Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiatives) is investigating generating funds for families in need for Rumney, Warren, and Wentworth. Their next project will be based out of Holderness, so perhaps it could include Center Harbor? PAREI has hired a half time technical manager who works on solar projects. PAREI has doubled their membership over the last year.

Clean Energy NH Update. Annual conference is on November 15th in Concord. Annette asked if Clean Energy NH provides any recycling resources/support. Carol said no.

Annette moved to adjourn the meeting; Bernie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, 31 August 2019