

Center Harbor Energy Committee Final Minutes of Meeting – 21 November 2019

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

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The minutes of the meeting of October 17th were approved as drafted. Chris moved to accept; Richard seconded.

Recycling.

1. Visit to Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) November Annual Meeting. Carol attended the meeting and shared a report she obtained at the meeting concerning recycling streams and solid waste management in NH, done as a result of NH House Bill 617. This report is a biennial report dated October 2019. There were about 20 transfer station representatives from different towns at the state meeting.

2, Visit to Meredith Transfer Station on Nov. 7th. Carol organized this tour with Mike Faller from the Meredith/Center Harbor Transfer Station. Bernie, Chris, Carol, and Annette all attended representing Center Harbor, and Meredith's Energy Committee also had representation. Paige Wilson of LRPC also attended, and advised that she is working under a USDA Solid Waste Management grant with Plymouth State University (PSU) to identify projects to improve recycling opportunities. All attendees felt the tour was very educational and helpful. Currently the signage at the Transfer Station directing users what plastics can be recycled and where is not fully up to date. Mike Faller noted extensively how the recycling environment is constantly changing, and NRRRA is instrumental in optimizing and mitigating concerns with various recycle streams.

3. Recycling Project by Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) and PSU – Paige Wilson, LRPC. PSU is presenting results of their grant work on 11/26/19 at PSU. Paige is also organizing other tours of other solid waste districts to understand successes and challenges.

4. Carol shared what the Tamworth Recycling Project (TRP) is doing with the Carroll County Commissioners, and asked other committee members if Center Harbor and Meredith should consider something similar with the Belknap County Commissioners. After some discussion, the consensus was that it would likely be more effective to work with Paige and LRPC on a recycling information center for our towns and others in Belknap County.

Clean Energy NH – Local Energy Solutions (LES)

1. LES Webinar: SB 296 Community Power in NH (municipal aggregation).

Carol shared the presentation with the committee members. The Law went into effect on October 1, and allows municipalities to buy renewable power for their

communities on an “opt out” basis. The topic is complex, and there is much to understand and evaluate. Meredith Energy Committee is hosting a meeting with Standard Power of Nashua on 12/12 to better understand the issues, and has invited CHEC to attend.

2. LES Annual Conference. Carol attended the LES annual conference on 11/15/19 in Concord, and will share materials from some of the interesting topics.

PAREI. Sandra Jones of PAREI reported good progress with the Solar Shares project in Warren. She said the next project would hopefully be in Holderness or Center Harbor. The committee briefly discussed the possibility of Center Harbor’s old landfill site. It is limited by single phase power access. Waukegan Golf Course was also mentioned, but they would need an incentive to consider this.

Annette asked that Richard update the committee with the current Energy ETF balance, and advised that the December meeting should include a review of the draft CHEC Annual Report to the Town.

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting; Annette seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted as amended, Annette Nichols, January 21, 2020