

Center Harbor Energy Committee
FINAL Minutes of Meeting – July 18, 2022

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

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Carol proposed some minor changes to the May 16th meeting draft minutes. Bernie moved to accept the minutes as amended. Richard seconded. The minutes of the meeting of May 16th were approved as amended.

Upgrade lighting in Fire Station. Bert Sutcliffe will meet with the Fire Department the week of August 29th. Carol advised that the scope would include potentially indoor lighting, outdoor lighting, and mini-splits. Options will include a low level dusk sensor for public or staff access, with a higher access light that is manually operated.

Research Options for improving heating/cooling reliability in Town Hall and Fire Station.

Denron Hall from Manchester has not yet followed up with Bernie for a suggested proposal. Carol has proposed Granite State Plumbing and Heating as an option based on Jim Seeley's recommendation. Chris has advised that he has used them in some of his projects. Bauen out of Meredith is a potential contractor for consideration. Richard proposed Bonnet Page and Stone (BPS) as an option for a general contractor. Richard will discuss with Robin to see if Northern Peabody, current maintenance contractor, has or could consider an enhanced option to improve service.

Chris reported that 85-90% of his current projects involved Mitsubishi mini-splits.

New Business

The Team discussed the potential for a solar project to be sited behind Municipal Building, including a possible carport structure with PV panels. Discussions included concerns about plowing and snow removal.

Carol reported that PAREI is getting multiple requests to consider solar projects.

Other Business

PAREI Update.

The LRCT project has a lot of administrative work in progress. Their report will come out in July. They will meet with NHEC in August to site poles.

NHEC electrical generation rates will be increasing in August. NHEC electric rate increase is lower than other state suppliers due to some generation from hydroelectric suppliers.

Clean Energy NH Update.

Carol forwarded a detailed email on July 5th with activities and current actions. Local Energy Solutions annual conference will be held in October. CHEC members are welcome to attend.

NH EEC Network – Single Use Plastic Free July Update.

Carol reported on the subcommittee activities in this area.

Annette moved to adjourn the meeting; Richard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 15.

Respectfully submitted, Annette Nichols, **August 14, 2022**