

## **Center Harbor Energy Committee**

Minutes of Meeting – January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Bernie Volz, Annette Nichols (remote via Zoom) and Selectmen Representative Richard Drenkhahn. Chris Williams was absent with notice.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Richard moved to accept the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as amended. Annette seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **On-Going Business**

**Energy Committee 2022 Annual Report.** Carol sent out an amended draft prior to the meeting. Any further discussion will be developed offline.

### **Member commitment to Center Harbor Energy Committee.**

The committee terms expired in 2022. Richard will investigate the Select Board reappointing and Richard swearing in for the February 2023 CHEC meeting, or if we should wait until after the 2023 Town Meeting in March.

### **Potential Solar project for behind municipal building.**

Bernie learned that from the NHEC will allow us to download hourly usage information. Bernie has approached two surveyors. Both are busy and slow to respond. Carol and Annette will work to identify other potential firms. Charlie Hanson has suggested that we consider presenting a potential PV project at the end of the Town Meeting. Approx. timing for RFP after we get Town input is early 2024.

### **New Business.**

No new business.

## **Other Business**

### **PAREI Update.**

Solar Shares Project at LRCC. Fundraising notice is on the Town Website. PAREI obtained an initial \$20K grant from NHEC.

NH Saves Button Up Workshops. Town Residents can access information through the Town website.

### **Clean Energy NH Update.**

Clean Energy NH has had changes in leadership. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Carol attended an event sponsored by Clean Energy NH and Revision Energy at Patrick's Pub in Gilford to meet some of the new people and hear recent information about solar projects and rebates available through the Inflation Reduction Act. Clean Energy NH's Circuit Rider program offers services to cities and town in helping plan, finance and implement solar and other energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Through this program CENH staff (designated as Circuit Riders) provide assistance to member municipalities in several regions within NH. They would like to help support our project as needed. Carol advised that our primary support is with Ted Vasant and Barrington Power.

### **NH EEC Network Update**

Carol and Bernie attended a workshop on transactive energy on Jan. 13. This presentation was sponsored by the NH EEC Network. It was held via Zoom and featured Brian Calnan, a VP from NHEC. He talked about some pilot projects NHEC is doing using Transactive Energy. A YouTube recording of this presentation is available on the NH Network website - <https://www.newhampshirenetwork.org/events#h.xg5hq54o518l>.

Carol sent out the best of home energy technology from the CES Conference.

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