

Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes 3/27/19

Attendees: B. Smith, E. Broadbent, D. Fay, P. Green, E. Sachs-Leicher

Location: Town Hall Volunteer Government Room 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Admin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of 1/23 and 2/13 were approved 4-0. New members – All to identify prospective new members (target 3) by 4/10 meeting and invite them to an introduction presentation the following meeting. SB Meeting – Brian, Paul and David represented HEAC to provide a periodic update to the Select Board on March 19. The energy use data, costs and emissions for over 10 years were presented. The progress on FY19 goals was reviewed. The three major initiatives CCA, MVP and Energy Policy were discussed. The SB asked several questions and recognized the successes and challenges of our efforts. Permanent Building Committee – David, Brian and Paul agree to be liaisons to the committee. Brian to advise Cindy Russo that HEAC will be sending liaisons to their meetings depending on the agendas and want to be copied on relevant topics.
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HES Project – After the Jan 23 HES Energy Design meeting, Brian suggested that HEAC ensures an Energy/HVAC Design FAQ with the most common questions or concerns be identified and answered by the Architect/Design team. Examples – why no AC in classrooms, new building energy use, solar panels, etc.- Pending HES Project – Electric Hot Water Heater – Per David, Jon Snyder identified that he is opposed to a distributed point of service hot water heater but not opposed to a central electric hot water heater; this will be implemented in the design. Cost Reductions – Unfortunately, under-slab insulation was reduced to save cost on the project resulting in a reduced expected energy performance of the building.
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Submittal – Brian prepared the documents and sent to Karen Chapman at MRPC for final packaging and submittal on Mar 22. Lighting – Old Library, Main Library, Bromfield – pending award in June. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyder – pending award in June
Misc Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan for BOS – Leader- Chris – Eric. Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved at Town Meeting 10/24/16. Remaining Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Step 5 – DPU review and approve plan (submitted 7/31/18) - 6 months DPU sent a long list of Information Requests. Eric and Colonial Energy provided input to Marie Sobalvarro who worked with the SB to respond to DPU by the deadline of 3/25. Step 6 – Broker develop customized plan with HEAC. Step 7 – SB approved customized plan.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Contract between Town and Colonial Power Group broker was signed week of 6/5/18. The public notice hearing occurred Nov 7 in Boston.c. Survey – There are 68 survey responses to date. There were 32 responses that voted for a 3% increase in charges in order to have a high renewable energy percentage for electric generation. <p>2. HES Solar Panels – The School Committee asked about the plan for the solar array (~6kw). Preference is to transfer them to Town building/property. (e.g., track building, sewer station, Bromfield). - Open</p>
Subcommittees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Subcommittee - The Community workshops are scheduled for 4/11 and 4/25. The purpose is to identify the most important risks and prioritize those that are actionable.2. Energy Policy – Paul requested HEAC approve a “Consider This” article written for publication in the Harvard Press. The article explains the purpose of the Subcommittee and encourages community involvement and input.
	Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm
Future Meetings	2019 – 4/10, 4/24 HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.