

# Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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## Meeting Minutes 8/14/19

Attendees: B. Smith, E. Broadbent, P. Green, F. Hodgkins, Nate Finch (guest)

Location: Town Hall Volunteer Government Room 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Admin	<b>1. The minutes of 7/31 were approved 3-0 as amended to add notes from David Fay.</b>
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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. <b>Pending</b></li> <li>2. HES Existing Solar Panels –Jon Snyder identified that he would consider moving the system to the Auditorium roof. Any decision to put on the Bromfield roof has to be coordinated with replacement of several roof sections that are 20 years old. – Need a site that is feasible to accept the panels. - <b>Pending</b></li> <li>3. Green Team/Bromfield Students – <b>There is a possible need to have a student support the charging station project.</b></li> <li>4. Demand Response – Jon Snyder to investigate how the Town is taking advantage of the DOE Shines project at Bromfield to participate in a new NGRID program. - <b>Pending</b></li> <li>5. Solar –David is discussing with Solect Energy, who is evaluating a preliminary design <b>for TBS</b>. The School Committee should be kept involved with any progress.</li> <li>6. Charging Station – <b>The charter for this project was reviewed with Nate Finch. He agreed to take on the project and make a proposal for where to locate and how the charging is paid and communicate with NGRID for funding the project. He will also plan to communicate with stakeholders to determine the need and support for a specific location.</b></li> </ol>
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants – pending award               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Lighting – Old Library, Main Library, Bromfield</li> <li>b. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyder</li> <li>c. Upon grant award, engage the services of MRPC for Green Community and Annual report services for the next DOER grant period.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Misc Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan – Leader – Eric. Actions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approved at Town Meeting 10/24/16.</li> <li>b. Harvard signed contract with broker Colonial Power Group 6/5/18.</li> <li>c. DPU approved Aggregation Plan 7/22/19</li> <li>d. <b>Colonial developed 2 options (standard &amp; 100% renewable) plan with estimated costs fixed for 3 years. The difference in price is very small (~\$10/yr.</b></li> <li>e. <b>HEAC needs to make a recommendation to the Select Board for their approval of the default plan on 8/27/19. The following motion was proposed and approved 4-0.</b>  <b>“HEAC recommends that the Town offer two options as part of our CCA program, consistent with prospective pricing and term outline by Colonial Power Group, with the default being a 100% renewable plan and the optional plan being the lowest cost option.” Eric created a draft updated CCA progress report and Environmental</b> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<b>review form. He will create an executive summary for use at the Select Board meeting.</b>
Subcommittees/ Initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Subcommittee - The primary areas of concern are forest, infrastructure and water quality. This will feed into a climate action plan. <b>There needs to be a committee established to work with Chris Ryan to implement the next phase.</b></li><li>2. Environment/Sustainability – <b>Process to record environmental considerations for any major projects. Ellen is soliciting feedback from other town committees and boards.</b></li><li>3. Energy Policy – Paul is leading an effort to build the subcommittee - <b>pending</b></li></ol>
	<b>Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm</b>
Future Meetings	2019 – <b>Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11</b> HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.