

Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes 10/9/19

Attendees: B. Smith, D. Fay, P. Green, F. Hodgkins, E. Sachs-Leicher, Peter Kelly-Joseph (guest), Suzanne Daines (guest), J. Ruark

Location: Town Hall Volunteer Government Room 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Admin	1. The minutes of 9/19 were approved 4-0.
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HES Project – After the Jan 23 HES Energy Design meeting, Brian suggested that HEAC ensure an Energy/HVAC Design FAQ with the most common questions or concerns be identified and answered by the Architect/Design team. Pending 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. - Pending Demand Response – Jon Snyder to investigate the DOE Shines project at Bromfield will enable participation in the NGRID Connected Solutions program. – Pending. Note that there are pending installation of wireless bridge upgrades in order to support additional circuit monitoring. Solar –David is discussing with Solect Energy, who is evaluating a preliminary design for TBS. The School Committee should be kept involved with any progress. David reported that due to reduced incentives/tax credits, Solect Energy stated that PPA solar project for municipal are not as financially viable. He provided this feedback to Linda Dwight and SusanMary Redinger. Charging Station – Nate Finch to 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. – Nate to provide update at next meeting. School Committee update – tentatively scheduled for October 29. Brian reviewed a draft presentation that will be revised and sent out for individual review.
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants – awarded 9/3/19. Brian to attend DOER/NGRID/EMC call to meet grant requirement 10/10. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting – Main Library – Brian – schedule Pre-Construction meeting. Brian reviewed the project details with the Library Trustees 10/7 to clarify grant, scope and timing concerns. Lighting – Bromfield – Forrest - schedule Pre-Construction meeting. Linda Dwight requested work to be done off hours. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyder – awarded. Linda Dwight has been notified that this should be scheduled for Jon to attend. Engage MRPC for Green Community and Annual report services for the next DOER grant period - Pending
Misc Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Residents will see the change on their Nov bill. Public information sessions were held Oct 1 (~30 people attended) and Oct 3 (~16 people attended). A Q&A article was provided to the Press.
Subcommittees/	1. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Subcommittee - The primary areas of

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Initiatives	<p>concern are forest, infrastructure and water quality. This will feed into a climate action plan. There needs to be a committee established to work with Chris Ryan to implement the next phase. – Peter is interested in supporting the Resiliency efforts, especially battery storage.</p> <p>2. Environment/Sustainability –Process to record environmental considerations for any major projects. Ellen is soliciting feedback from other town committees and boards. School Committee scheduled for Oct 29. Also meeting with CPIC and Parks and Rec.</p> <p>3. Energy Policy – Paul is leading an effort to build the subcommittee – pending. Note that MRPC has funds to support this effort.</p>
	Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm
Future Meetings	<p>2019 – Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12</p> <p>HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.</p>