

Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes 12/11/19

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

Location: Town Hall Volunteer Government Room 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Admin	1. The minutes of 11/13 were approved 3-0.
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 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. HES Solar – David is obtaining quotes from Revision Energy for different size systems.
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants – awarded 9/3/19. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting – Main Library – EMC 34% complete. Need completion date. Lighting – Bromfield – Material to be received and work to start 12/12. Need completion date. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyder – awarded. Linda Dwight has been notified that this should be scheduled for Jon to attend. – this will not happen prior to the Spring application. Engage MRPC for Green Community and Annual report services for the next DOER grant period – Annual Report submitted on time 12/6/19. MEI Energy Data – David reported that the cost data for the schools is being corrected. Need ideas for GC2020 application – TBS Economizer, battery storage, sewer plant and DPW opportunities were mentioned. Peter to discuss generator with Tim Kilhart. Annual Town Building Energy Review – Need plan for department reviews.
Misc Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Athol Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement – David reported that the credit is 3 cents/kwh and resulting in a \$17k annual credit.
Subcommittees/ Initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Subcommittee - The primary areas of 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. – Committee being formed. Environment/Sustainability –Process to record environmental considerations for any major projects. Ellen is soliciting feedback from other town committees and boards. Ellen reported to the Select Board on 12/3/19. The board approved the initiative on a pilot basis based on CPIC testing out as part of their process for capital projects. Ellen provided an Environmental Assessment document to explain the initiative and execution instructions to all

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	committees. Ellen will work with Julie D to store the completed forms. 3. Energy Policy – Paul is leading an effort to build the subcommittee – pending. Note that MRPC has funds to support this effort. Paul to set up a meeting for Jan 8 @7pm.
	Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm
Future Meetings	2020 Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11 HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.