

Center Harbor Energy Committee November 20, 2023 Meeting with Select Board - Minutes

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Bernie Volz, Selectmen Representative to the Energy Committee Richard Drenkhahn, Selectmen Harry Viens and Bill Ricciardi and Ted Vansant of Barrington Power. Michael Rich was absent with notice.

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

On-Going Business

Review of Municipal Building Photovoltaic Project Powerpoint Presentation scheduled to be presented on November 29, 2023 at the first public hearing for the Solar Project

Bernie presented the powerpoint and the Selectmen and Ted Vansant gave input. It was suggested that the presentation be reduced in size and in words. Then a more detailed document could be available to any attendees who would like to see it.

In reducing the presentation, Slides titled “What is the Project” and “Why Do this Project” might be combined to cover the purpose of the project. This slide could be reduced to 20% of its current number of words. Also using numbers instead of bullets would make it easier to follow. The purpose of the project could emphasize the fact that the time is right - financially- and in terms of the progress of solar technology.

Then Slide 2 should cover the “estimated” cost of the project in the form of a chart with simple numbers that line up. The current two slides “Financial Details” would be available in the more detailed document available to those who are interested in seeing more detail.

Slides 3 and 4 - “Process for the Project” and “Other Thoughts” can be simplified with bullets.

It was also suggested that information about Barrington Power and the “greenness” of the project be stated at the end. If visibility from the road is an issue, the town could consider planting arborvitae.

The meeting with the Select Board was adjourned at 7:53.

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Review and approval of Minutes from Energy Committee Meeting:

Richard moved to approve the minutes of the October 20th Energy Committee meeting. Bernie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

Other Business

PAREI Update

PAREI has moved to their new headquarters. Bernie attended the opening. Carol read a statement from PAREI called PAREI The Opportunity. This was a vision for their site and new office space and a long-term community resource center supporting PAREI's community-driven solutions for energy education, solar energy and local food sourcing.

CleanEnergyNH Updates

CleanEnergyNH's annual Local Energy Solutions had their annual conference in Manchester on Thursday, November 2. Carol registered but did not attend. She should receive videos of presentations which she will share with the Energy Committee.

NH Environment Energy and Climate Network

Carol attended the second ZOOM meeting of the NHEEC Network's new Energy Working Group. Attendees expressed their goals for this group as covering communication among towns, and having a greater impact with the PUC, DoE, DES than with the legislature.

Richard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Bernie seconded. Meeting was adjourned at that time. Respectfully submitted, Carol Sullivan

