

Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes 4/10/19

Attendees: B. Smith (remote), E. Broadbent, D. Fay, P. Green, F. Hodgkins, E. Sachs-Leicher, J. Ruark

Location: Town Hall Volunteer Government Room 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Admin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The minutes of 3/27 were approved 5-0. 2. New members – All to identify prospective new members (target 3) by 4/24 meeting and invite them to an introduction presentation at a future meeting. 3. Permanent Building Committee – David attended a recent meeting and confirmed that HEAC is welcome to attend as a liaison and that any topics need to be on the agenda.
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Examples – why no AC in classrooms, new building energy use, solar panels, etc.- Pending 2. HES Solar Panels – The School Committee asked about the plan for the solar array (~6kw). – Jon Snyder identified that he would consider moving the system to the Auditorium roof. Eric identified previous concerns about the Bromfield roof and will forward a Cadmus study ~2009 for consideration. These included roof warranty, structural and saving space for a large installation possible with a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). 3. Green Team – They are interested in discussing solar and we tentatively planned a meeting with HEAC at the end of April. 4. School Maintenance Contracts – Jon will identify the recent contract that was cancelled – HVAC Maintenance or HVAC Controls. Jon Snyder is using the savings to use existing personnel to repair equipment.
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lighting – Old Library, Main Library, Bromfield – pending award in June. b. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyder – pending award in June
Misc Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan for BOS – Leader- Chris – Eric. Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approved at Town Meeting 10/24/16. Remaining Actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 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. ii. Step 6 – Broker develop customized plan with HEAC. iii. Step 7 – SB approved customized plan. 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 as of 4/10. There were 32 responses that voted for a 3% increase in charges in order to have a high renewable energy percentage for electric generation. d. Outreach – Suggestions were to hand out flyers at the Transfer Station, General Store, Harvard Cleanup, and to Bromfield through the Green Team – Need to assign – Eric/Ellen?

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	2. National Grid Municipal Summit – Eric signed up, max 2 per community.
Subcommittees	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 – The Consider This article written by Paul will be in the Press this week. The article explains the purpose of the Subcommittee and encourages community involvement and input.
	Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm
Future Meetings	2019 – 4/24, 5/8, 5/22 HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.