Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes 4/24/19

Attendees: B. Smith, E. Broadbent, D. Fay, P. Green, F. Hodgkins, E. Sachs-Leicher

Location: Town Hall Volunteer Government Room 8 PM

	Meeting Discussion/Status
Admin	 The minutes of 4/10 were approved 4-0. New members Outreach – All to identify prospective new members (target 3) and invite them to an introduction presentation at a future meeting. Reminder for all members to continue this effort.
Schools	 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 Existing Solar Panels –Jon Snyer 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. Eric attended the SBC meeting to discuss the removal of the HES panels.
	3. Green Team – David met with the group and asked that they review what has been done at other schools for Solar.
	4. School Maintenance Contracts – The HVAC Controls contract to BCM was cancelled.
	 Demand Response – David to investigate how the Town is taking advantage of the DOE Shines project at Bromfield to participate in the NGRID/DOER program.
	6. Solar – Brian revisit Solar RFQ. David is discussing with Solect Energy. The School Committee should be kept involved with any progress.
Town Energy Project Updates	 7. GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants a. Lighting – Old Library, Main Library, Bromfield – pending award in June. b. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyer – pending award in June
Misc Projects	 Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan for BOS – Leader- Chris – Eric. Actions:
	 a. Approved at Town Meeting 10/24/16. Remaining Actions: 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.
	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 – Ellen is promoting the Environmental Forum May 30 and will ensure hand out at Town Meeting and Cleanups.
	e. Colonial is obtaining permission to view the aggregate community

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	 energy use data. 2. National Grid Municipal Summit – David Fay and Jon Snyer will represent Harvard on 4/30.
Subcommittees	 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Subcommittee - The second Community workshops is scheduled for 4/25. The purpose is to identify the most important risks and prioritize those that are actionable. Reminder for all to take the MVP survey. Energy Policy – Paul is leading an effort to build the subcommittee membership as approved.
	Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm
Future Meetings	2019 – 5/8, 5/22 HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.