

Town of Harvard Energy Advisory Committee

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Meeting Minutes 9/19/19

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of 8/14 were approved 3-0. David Fay abstained. A motion was made, seconded and voted 4-0 to recommend to the Select Board to appoint Ellen Sachs-Leicher as Voting Member and Peter Kelly-Joseph as Associate Member. All-Boards meeting 9/18/19 – Brian attended and explained the goals for the year consistent with the current initiatives and continuing the goals from last year. The goals will be circulated to finalize the FY20 goals.
Schools	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 Green Team/Bromfield Students – There is a possible need to have a student support the charging station project. Demand Response – Jon Snyder to investigate the DOE Shines project at Bromfield will enable participation in the NGRID Connected Solutions program. - Pending 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. 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 has reviewed with key stakeholders: Linda Dwight, UU Church, General Store, Library Trustees and School Building Committee School Committee update – tentatively scheduled for October 28.
Town Energy Project Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GC Projects – 2019 Competitive Grants – awarded 9/3/19. Kara Minar attended the award ceremony. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting – Old Library – not awarded, Main Library, Bromfield – both awarded as proposed. Brian coordinate Library project. Forrest coordinate Bromfield project. Forrest will review process for procurement with Marie; GC project are not subject to standard procurement rules. Building Operator Training for Jon Snyder – awarded. Linda Dwight has been notified that this should be schedule for Jon to attend. Engage MRPC for Green Community and Annual report services for the next DOER grant period.
Misc Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Plan Actions:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. On 8/27/19, the Select Board approved the HEAC recommendation to set the default as the 100% renewable plan. Colonial Power proceeded the following day and locked in final rates that were slightly better than the estimated rates.b. Residents will see the change on their Nov bill. Ellen will work with Colonial to set the public information sessions. One session will be Oct 3 at night. There will be a day session at COA likely on Oct 1. There will be a link to the program information on the HEAC web site.
Subcommittees/ Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. 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.2. Environment/Sustainability –Process to record environmental considerations for any major projects. Ellen is soliciting feedback from other town committees and boards.3. Energy Policy – Paul is leading an effort to build the subcommittee – pending. Note that MRPC has funds to support this effort.
	Meeting adjourned 9:30 pm
Future Meetings	2019 – Nov 13, Dec 11 HEAC Meeting Location/Time: Volunteer Government Room, Town Hall 8 pm.