

Hampton Falls Energy Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2023

Attending at 6:32pm were Carol Schutte, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Scott Bieber, and Justin Braley, prospective member. Absent was Shawn Hanson. Justin will be getting sworn in.

Discussion occurred about the Right to Know Law requirements for posting and correcting minutes. We agreed that the Secretary would keep the minutes concise and omit sensitive information. As a courtesy, the draft minutes will be forwarded to the chair before sending to the Town Clerk within 5 business days of the meeting. The August minutes were accepted with two amendments: remove the cost of the PSB system and remove the prospective candidates' names for the Aggregation Committee, upon a motion by Scott, seconded by Carol.

We discussed the process for budgeting for new equipment to heat and cool the PSB more efficiently. Our job is to convince the Selectmen of the need for the recommended upgrades.

We presented Mitsubishi with the energy usage numbers. Scott and Justin will have a conference call with Mitsubishi and hopefully Kearny HVAC to discuss the ROI on the equipment that Kearny has proposed. More detailed information re specs and estimated cost will have to be determined for the budget and then the RFP process. The budgeting discussions among the Selectmen begin early next month.

Our Library contact, Erin, would like us to have a residential energy saving program on May 22. This could be great for the summer cooling season and then hopefully have another for the heating season. There is a "Button Up NH" PowerPoint program that could be presented by Yankee Thermal Imaging through NH Saves.

We also received a letter from the Chair of the Library Trustees about the attic batts insulation being compromised, especially in the boiler room and the cold floor (cement slab). They believe the roofs water leaks are solved but the condition of the batts is not known. Beverly reported that she has contacted an insulation specialist and will inform Scott and Justin when the walkthrough is scheduled. We had a few ideas that might help remedy the cold cement slab. Carol will respond to the Chair. We wonder if the Library has done radon testing due to the cement slab off-gassing?

Carol was informed about the Local Energy Solutions Conference by the Exeter Energy Committee (EEC). The meeting will be Nov. 2, 2023 in Manchester. It is an all-day conference put on by Clean Energy NH. There is a cost for tickets. <https://www.cleanenergy nh.org/event-details/2023-local-energy-solutions-les-conference>

A motion to adjourn was heard at 7:37 pm by Scott, seconded by Carol and all agreed.