

## 4/22/19 Hyde Park Energy Committee meeting minutes

Attending: Elisa Clancy, Denise Greene, Jay Hersh

- 1) We realized that Marilyn had yet to send out the minutes from the prior meeting so we tabled a vote to adopt them
- 2) We also realized that our next meeting would fall on Memorial Day so we voted on and approved a motion to move the meeting back one day to Tuesday May 28th at 3PM
- 3) We talked about the progress of the signature gathering effort for the petition to the Hyde Park selectboard. Denise had about 2 dozen signatures but other people had not fared as well. Recognizing that there is no hard deadline to present this petition to the board we agreed to defer presentation of it to allow people additional time to gather signatures. Signature sheets can be dropped off with Denise or brought to the next meeting though the former is preferable as it would allow Denise to present the petition to the selectboard as soon as enough signatures have been garnered.
- 4) We discussed what we could do to educate and encourage people to start purchasing hybrid, plug in electric hybrid or all electric vehicles. Discussion centered around countering the position some have put forward in the News and Citizen that electric vehicle charging stations are "free" with the costs paid for by other rate payers (with one or two exceptions where companies have installed them at their facilities and pay for the power they are not free and most are operated by a for profit company called Charge Point). Additional discussion of the technical reasons why traditional fuel vehicles (especially heavy equipment) still prevail, i.e. "energy density", were held. The result of the discussion was that we moved to write an article (Jay to do first draft when time allows, most likely in 2-3 weeks from now) to submit as an Op-Ed to the News and Citizen from the committee to better educate people.
- 5) Elisa brought up the ongoing issues surrounding the dam at Green River Reservoir. Although this facility is owned by Morrisville Water and Light it physically exists in Hyde Park so there was discussion as to whether we should be concerned with this. Elisa wants to know what the

utility's plans are for the dam. After much discussion we voted to authorize Elisa to contact the utility on behalf of our committee to see if they are willing to make any type of statement to us with respect to the future of the dam, the power generation facility there and/or the reservoir itself.

Adjourned at 3:45PM