

HPEC Meeting Minutes
Monday April 27, 2020 3:00 P.M.

Present: Elisa Clancy, Denise Greene, Christine Hallquist, Ron Rodjenski

1. There were no public comments made.
2. The 3/23/2020 minutes were approved by a voice vote
3. How can the HPEC aid in the objective stated in the Hyde Park Municipal Plan?

Departments to meet with are:

- Sheriffs Department
- Highway Department
- Planning Commission

The discussion and ideas exchanged went as follows:

- It was agreed that talking to the different departments is needed to decide where we could help them implement carbon reductions through: a. efficiency, and b. transportation.
- The following was proposed for information gathering purposes:
 - a. understand how much was spent (in gallons) in gasoline for transportation within the Sheriffs Department and the Highway Department.
 - b. discuss plug-in electric or hybrid electric options for patrol cars and cruisers.
 - c. Talk with the road crews to understand marketplace recommendations regarding capital equipment that could help achieve the energy goals.
 - d. Ask if electric municipal equipment will be an option? RR offered that since our goal is overall carbon reductions, there may be higher capital costs and resulting maintenance cost savings, the town may support another 20,000 for the carbon reduction. Talking with the Road Foreman Mark French, and John who runs the bucket truck about these vehicles and others.
 - e. Inquire about projects listed to update municipal buildings and facilities. It would be worthwhile introducing ourselves and what we are trying to do.
- How will we work with the planning commission on energy audits? Keep promoting the financial incentives that include cooling and hot water, and comparing it with how much residents are spending on hot water. Look at long term capital budgets for the Town. What does the retrofit include, insulation, furnace replacement to geothermal or other renewables.
- Work with Gihon Valley Hall building in Hyde Park. It's open in summer and fall, so window and lighting (LED's) efficiencies are the focus.
- Town garage, worth talking to them as they are considering multiple upgrades.
- Town office, there is a heat exchange unit for air quality recommended? Who is specifying and are there criteria for the efficiency goals in place?
- How will we gather information from meetings with departments and present the numbers to the taxpayers at town meeting? It was proposed that we put together a plan as

we proceed in meetings with the various departments. An approach to begin with that stated by CH, “reduce carbon x by doing x, then show the reduction,” and stated by RR., showing comparisons of use over time, for example, the number of times vehicles going out, say 10 days, or 15 days in the summer.

To Do items:

CH will contact Carol R. and get names, transportation opportunities, what vehicles are being used, what contracts?

CH will set up conference calls and talk to them, brainstorming ideas for greatest opportunities.

4. Other Business:

Recruiting for new committee members, there are 2 openings. DG has three possible candidates to ask.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2020 at 3pm, EC will post it on the town website under Energy Committee and on our FB page.

DG has an energy tip prepared for HPEC FB page and FPF and a call for volunteers piece written for both as well. EC will post them.

Minutes submitted on 4/28/2020 by Denise A. Greene