

**Hyde Park Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021**

Meeting opened at 3:00 pm. Meeting was held via Zoom.

Present:

Denise Greene, Elisa Clancy, Meg Taylor, Dan Young, Marlaina Hunter

The January minutes were approved. Meeting minutes will be reviewed 10 days after they are sent or revised by the Chair at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Elisa proposed that the committee chair position and secretary position be voted on at our next meeting. Other Business items can be discussed at our next meeting.

New Business:

1. Linda Patterson speaking on behalf of the Raise the Blade Campaign and Lori Fisher, Exec. Dir. of the Lake Champlain Committee introduced the Raise the Blade Campaign for our consideration.
2. Elisa asked if we are in the Lake Champlain Watershed, which we are, and if we have a Conservation Commission. There is not, however Zack Cota-Weaver has been looking into starting one. Discussion began around doing more than the Raise the Blade Campaign and offering residents and businesses and other entities energy- and resource-saving lawn alternatives as part of the project. Lawn alternatives proposed for our project include, mowing less and converting lawns to meadow, reducing lawn size, and cutting taller. Next steps were outlined for Raise the Blade. They are: get Town approval, communicate with mowers; signs printed and posted and personalized rack cards printed.
3. Catherine Crowley from Stowe Energy Committee wasn't able to attend this meeting. SEC is looking into the Mow Electric! campaign. The campaign is being outlined at the next SEC meeting 2/25/21 at 5:30 and HPEC members can attend.

Member Reports:

Meg introduced Marlaina Hunter to the Energy Committee.

No other reports were brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Greene, Secretary