

Minutes of the Henniker Energy Committee (HEC) Meeting: 20NOV23 at The Grange

Attendees:

Chair: Dina Pinnell

Vice Chair: AJ Heinrich

HEC Members: Dianne Dawson; Mark Mitch; Mike French; Rod Pimentel

Quorum Met: Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

Meeting opened with some discussion about getting reports and recommendations to Town Administrator (TA). TA wanted by the next Selectman meeting which is the 21st. It was agreed there was insufficient time for a formal presentation, particularly as the SEEDS report only arrived the day of our HEC meeting.

Agenda Item #1: Minutes

- July minutes: moved to approve by M. French / 2nd by D. Pinnell, all in favor, so moved
- Sept minutes: moved to approve by D. Pinnell / 2nd by AJ Heinrich, all in favor, so moved

Agenda Item #2: GRD Report

- Discussion about bringing in Dept Heads of Fire Dept and Transfer Station to review recommendations. Will invite them to the next meeting on 18DEC23. Later in meeting it was suggested that an additional HEC meeting be conferred to enable us to produce recommendations by the planned 18DEC23 HEC meeting.
- There is a time crunch to get report recommendations to TA & Select Board (SB)
- Chair Pinnell to ask Diane to earmark funds based on the GRD report prioritizing items related to the Community Center, Fire Station, Transfer Station, Town Hall and The Grange, in that order.
- Discussed recommending that The Grange be last on the list based on usage. SB to determine.
- R. Pimentel recommended a review of the need for a 40 gal water tank for the Community Center. R. Pimentel recommended a smaller, electric “on-demand” unit since it is only the bathrooms that are being utilized.
- Discussion on recommending high volume low speed (HVLS) for the Community Center ceiling, to destratify the air and circulate heat to main floor. Would be on a timer switch, to automatically turn off after events.
- M. French inquired about source of energy use figures in GDS report and details on the \$22G. D. Pinnell states GDS got figures of energy use from Town Hall records.
- Recommended that AJ Heinrich produce an HEC “Prioritized Recommendations List” for TA/SB to consider for budget items.
 - M. French made a motion to include recommending funding for Fire Station Heat Pump. There was no second. Decided to table until after the meetup with Fire Station Dept Heads to get more accurate information about existing HVAC system.

M. French motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:48 PM. AJ Heinrich 2nd. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.