

**Hull Clean Energy Climate Action Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 23, 2023 (via Zoom)**

**Attendees (Committee Members):** Judeth Van Hamm, Rick Mattila, Jake Vaillancourt, Bruce Edgren, J.D. Kaplan

**Other Attendees:** Brianna Bennett, Eva Das, Mike Schmitt, Steve Wenner, George Goodwin

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

**AGENDA**

Jake reviewed the agenda items and suggested that we postponed discussion of the Committee organization until more members have been sworn in. Since Lucinda was not in attendance, he postponed discussion of the minutes of the last meeting. He also went through the current list of positions on the committee; we would postpone additional discussion and voting of positions until next meeting.

Bruce indicated he thought he had been appointed by the Select Board but there seems to be some dispute and he will check with Lori West to get clarification.

Jake indicated he would use the 2022 Committee report as the basis of this year's report. He will incorporate Brianna's upcoming report and action plan for the town into the Committee's 2023 report. We will try to schedule a meeting with the Select Board for January or February of 2024 and get feedback on the action plan. Subsequent to that meeting, we would schedule a meeting with the Light Board.

Ava asked if there was a planned joint meeting of the Select Board and Light Board; Jake said that was being discussed.

It was suggest that we schedule our next meeting for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> getting back to meeting on the second Monday of the month.

JD discussed upcoming articles for the Hull times and wondered if we should include information about battery storage. That led to a discussion of battery storage and George asked if storage could be considered distribution that would not be allowed. He indicated that "shared power" was being used in California that incorporates battery storage.

Judeth indicated that Sustainable South Shore was having a meeting focused on greenhouse gas emissions, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Briana review that status of her project. She has met with several town department heads and is scheduled to present her draft report to the Select Board on November 8<sup>th</sup>, with a backup date of

November 15<sup>th</sup>. She expects the completed draft report by the end of October and after incorporating Select Board member comments, have the final report in December.

Judeth related that she learned at a Duxbury meeting that they have established a communication network among groups and committees. She would like to organize something similar in Hull and George indicate he would like to help with that effort.

George asked about the use of battery storage as a backup for the town. Jake reviewed the Light Plant's activity with standby diesel generators, going back to 2020. He indicated that we don't have enough space for batteries and the cost of that equivalent back up power was prohibitive. He did say that a grid level flow with battery storage was being used in Vermont with a master controller that connects to individual homes. He suggested we review that technology at a future meeting.

Ava asked how we would know when Brianna will meet with the Select Board; it was suggested to check the town's website calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Minutes approved on Jan. 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda Wykle-Rosenberg, Secretary  
CECAC