



Energy Committee

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Meeting Minutes December 21, 2014

Attendance: Carrie Fenn, Ray Keller, Chuck Reiss, and Hannah Jackson. Abs; John Pacht

1. Meeting commenced at 7:20 p.m.
2. **Review Minutes From November Meeting.** Carrie made motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.
3. **DRB Projects** – There was discussion for both Haystack and Hinesburg Center Phase II projects and the impact increased density would have on prime ag land. HEC will submit a letter to the DRB addressing the orientation of buildings in both the Haystack and Hinesburg Center Phase II and the concerns the Energy Committee has with these proposals taking advantage of passive and active solar gain. HEC should review the zoning regulations to see if there are any specific energy requirements for projects in the Village zoning district.
4. **The Norris Development** has resubmitted their plan to the DRB stating they will meet the Bronze level National Home Builders Association (NAHB) Green Building Standard in order to gain density points. HEC will review the bronze level standards to see how the standards compare to the state building code. Our town regulations state that in order to receive density bonus points for meeting green building standards, the green building program needs to be a regional program. The NAHB is a national program, not a regional program.
5. **Review Energy Committee Annual Report.** Chuck will incorporate the suggested edits and submit the final annual report to Renae.
6. **Review Town Energy Plan.** We need to update all graphics and statistics with current information. We should review energy sections of other town plans, like Colchester, to figure out how other towns organize their energy sections.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Action Items

All Members:

- Review town energy plan.

Chuck:

- Investigate NHAB Bronze building standard
- Send next meeting agenda to Renae 48 hours before meeting.

Ray:

- Look into NHABS Bronze standard to see how it compares to code.

Hannah:

- Email committee draft of November minutes