

# Hamilton Environmental Impact Committee (HEIC)

Minutes of meeting, November 30, 2023

Location: Zoom call

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Jeanne Maurand, who called the roll.

Members present: Jeanne Maurand; Emmett Holt, Don Perkins, Kimberly Strovink

Issues discussed and votes taken:

Report of Energy Manager, Vicky Masone:

- Green Communities Annual Report: submitted. Showing fiscal '23 energy use and projects. This is necessary to remain eligible for grants
  - No large changes between '22 and '23 besides the public safety building
  - A large reduction in natural gas use in the middle and high school
- BIG NEWS: Town is buying 100% green electricity for the next 3 years.
  - This won't change our energy use (there is no reduction of use) but it will change our carbon output and is supporting our renewable energy goals
  - If HEIC hadn't supported it, it wouldn't have gone through
  - Discussion: will our schools sign up for 100% renewables?
    - We should show them the rates
    - Their contract is up in December of 2024. It's time now to advocate to the superintendent and to Vinney Leoni (finance)
    - Agreement to send an email with the rates and the information about how/why the town signed up
- Ford Lightening: new DPW vehicle is imminent.
  - Received \$5K towards the cost from the state
  - Will apply for a \$12,500 federal credit once we get it
- Town Hall renovation
  - Ready to put it out to bid
  - In development phase with the energy company

\*\*\*\*\* 5:14PM lost connection. Decision made to resume the call on 12/7\*\*\*\*\*

Prepared by:  
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Respectfully submitted as approved at the May 2, 2024 meeting by Jack Simons, clerk