

High Point Energy Monthly Meeting LXV

Southgate Tavern

Tuesday, 07/20/2021 @ 18:00

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"A Non-Profit Development Corporation for the Benefit of the Highlands Communities" (Village of Highland Falls, Town of Highlands, West Point Garrison, the County of Orange)

(Full Mission Statement at Website, www.high-pointutilities.com)

(Tom Ossa, Secretary)

In attendance:

- Bill Edsall
 - John Willis
 - Randolph Horner
 - Tom Ossa
 - John Dodson
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Reports:

- Pledge of Allegiance & Distribution of Minutes
- Chairman Bill Edsall able to attend, boosting meeting. Perhaps retiring from day job soon and able to supervise HPU efforts more effectively, welcome news to all.
- Treasurer's report: John Willis reported that the Audit is corrected, but Randolph still has small tweaks, promised to submit in 24 hrs, so Tom Ossa can give to John Doyle for final submission.
- Approved minutes from last meeting in June 2021
- Our Resolution for Town passed, thanks to Jim Modlin and Rich Sullivan. Need final copy for distribution

Discussion:

- **Randolph** reported on the current state of the FERC requirements to maintain our Buttermilk Falls Hydro project. This requires substantial paperwork and some progress in getting the damaged turbines out of the turbine house, including coordinating with the CSX RR and possible crane truck if Roger is not available. This was discussed.
- **John's Report:**
 - Big news is that the long-anticipated meeting with GEN Daly, CG of AMC took place last Friday. Good news for the national program for Energy Resilience that John has championed, but GEN wants to hold off on high-profile site like West Point for now (?)
 - Thayer Energy Inc, our for-profit Cousin, may be on Army Contract before 15 August. The hope is that that work will circle back here in the year ahead.

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- Orange County resilience grant RFP: Alan Sorenson - \$400k has just been issued. If the HPU can compete successfully on this RFP it will be in great position to play a role in the eventual WP microgrid if that comes to pass as hoped. Copy will be distributed soon.
 - Possible competition: Central Hudson and O&R are on the selection Board, might have consultants they work with to suggest.
- **Town/Village Business:**
 - Resolution still pending at Village. A petition to dissolve the Village has now been accepted, and the Board is in turmoil. Bad time for our Resolution, and perhaps not needed depending on outcome of Referendum.
 - Village is finishing up the re-laying of all the Natural Gas lines
 - Town considering contracting out their entire utilities

Action Items:

- Randolph: Submit list of typos that need to be corrected on the audit
- Tom O. Review changes, speak with Donalee if need be (will wait to hear from Randolph)
- John O.: Electric and gas bills for defense of West Point have been secured

Meeting adjourned at 1945 Hrs

Next Meeting: 10 August