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ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** January 4, 2023, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room

**Committee Members Present:** Tim Paradis, Peter Vedova, Jamie Hess, Lisa Hess, Robin Rainie-Lobacz, David Paradis, Viggo Fish, Greg Ames, Gerry Gold (via Zoom)

**Committee Members Absent:** Bud Dick, Margie Weathers, Ben Steverson

**Guests:** Selectman Bill Helm, Town Administrator Kim Hallquist, Dave Harris

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 5:32 PM.

Brief description of subject matters discussed & final decisions (votes) taken (if any):

- 1. Approval of December meeting minutes** – Deferred to next month.
- 2. Appointment with Selectman Bill Helm to discuss Police Station solar options** – Jamie forwarded the latest Police Station proposed design to Norwich Solar, who replied with a updated proposed design. The Committee discussed the design and discussed the potential for solar at the Fire Station, as well.
- 3. Update on grant applications for EV charging station and electric pickup truck** – Jamie has drafted two letters of support for each grant application – one for the Selectmen to sign, and one for the Committee. Peter made a motion that the Committee members sign their two letters of support; Robin seconded; passed unanimously.
- 4. New London Community Power: Preparation for March Town Meeting** – The Committee discussed New London Community Power, its cost savings to consumers, and its ability to facilitate development of new, local renewable energy projects. The Committee discussed a series of potential questions that could be asked at Town Meeting. The Committee also discussed whether it made sense to rush to get into CPCNH’s “wave 1” launch in Apr/May 2023 vs “wave 2” in Apr/May 2024. There was consensus that launching

this year, 1-2 months after approval at Town Meeting, would be difficult if not impossible given the work to complete. Additionally, the Committee felt that it would be beneficial to wait and allow the other “wave 1” municipalities to “work out the kinks.”

- 5. Municipal solar array “true-up”** – The PPA investors reached out to Jamie with an annual rate update and to request a “true-up.” Peter and Jamie will work on the initial calculations. The Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee will meet the morning of Fri, January 20<sup>th</sup> to review.
- 6. Update on Kearsarge School District decarbonization initiative** – Jamie attended a Kearsarge School District decarbonization committee meeting where a Siemens representative gave a presentation about their services. Siemens offered to advise the school district regarding solar and other decarbonization issues; the school district has decided to move forward with this plan.
- 7. Proposed zoning amendment to regulate EV charging stations** – Tim discussed a proposed zoning amendment to allow EV charging by special exception in commercial zones.
- 8. Subcommittee reports: Education & Outreach, Efficiency & Renewables** – No Education and Outreach meeting last month. The Efficiency and Renewables Subcommittee met to discuss the Town’s Electric Aggregation Plan.
- 9. Other business** – None.
- 10. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room.
- 11. Meeting Adjournment** – Tim moved to adjourn; Viggo seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames