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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 6, 2021, 5:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via Zoom -
<https://zoom.us/j/5079883436> or (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID 5079883436

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, Greg Ames, Viggo Fish, Peter Vedova, Tim Paradis, Lisa Hess, David Paradis

Committee Members Absent: Margie Weathers, Dave Harris, Bud Dick, Gerry Gold

Guests: Joe Kubit

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 5:35 PM.

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

- 1. Approval of December meeting minutes** – Tim moved to approve the December meeting minutes as presented. Viggo seconded, approved unanimously.
- 2. Municipal Solar Project & LED Lighting Project Updates** – The most recent bills from Eversource do not show that summary billing has been implemented on the Town's accounts. The Sewer Department bill shows a large demand charge; the cause is unclear (possibly due to overflow from heavy rains). This erased the solar surplus and removed the urgency to move to summary billing. The Highway Department garage continues to show a solar surplus, so we should move that account to summary billing as soon as possible, so that other Town electric accounts can use that surplus. Jamie will contact Eversource to attempt to resolve. No updates on the LED lighting projects. James assumes they are completed; he will investigate.
- 3. Report from Education & Outreach Subcommittee** – The Subcommittee meet in early December and discussed various social media options for reaching out to residents. The consensus was that Facebook is likely to be the best platform to reach the most town

residents. The subcommittee also discussed the prospect of multi-use bike paths in town. The subcommittee plans to meet on January 21st at 8:30am.

- 4. Report from Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee** – Jamie mentioned that the recently-passed stimulus bill included an extension of the solar tax credit at 26% through the end of 2022. The subcommittee has not met since the last full Energy Committee meeting but plans to meet on January 20th at 8:30am.
- 5. Energy Efficiency Opportunities in the Transportation Sector** – Jamie discussed two additional articles about purchases of Tesla Model Y’s for police departments in Spokane, Washington and Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Viggo asked when the next cruiser in the Police Department’s fleet is due for replacement. Jamie was not sure but thought the 4 cruisers have an average life of 6 years each. Jamie reached out to the Police Department and spoke with Lt. Rowe, who is interested in further discussions around EV’s. The Committee discussed several questions around cruiser usage which Jamie will discuss with Lt. Rowe. The Police Department is planning to add two e-bikes for warm weather patrols. The Committee briefly discussed an e-bike loan program. Jamie is attending an upcoming regional meeting and will report back to the Committee. The Committee briefly discussed a proposed multi-use path from Colby-Sawyer to the New London Shopping Center. Jamie will present to the Conservation Commission; Tim will present to the Planning Board.
- 6. Reappointment of members and alternates with expiring terms** – Greg Ames and David Paradis asked to be reappointed. Jamie will follow up with David Harris and Bud Dick.
- 7. Other business** – None.
- 8. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room or Zoom (TBD).
- 9. Meeting Adjournment** – Viggo moved to adjourn; Tim seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames