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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Oct. 6, 2021, 7 PM, Town Offices, Syd Crook Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, Lisa Hess, Gerry Gold, Bud Dick, David Paradis, Tim Paradis

Committee Members Present Virtually: Greg Ames, Viggo Fish, Margie Weathers

Committee Members Absent: Peter Vedova

Guests Present: Drew Drummond

Guests Present via Phone: Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:02 PM.

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

1. Presentation on EV Charging by Drew Drummond, Program Development

Manager at ChargePoint— In its new RFP, the state is offering up to \$3 million for electric vehicle charging stations, including installation, operation and maintenance. Funding comes from the Volkswagen diesel emissions settlement. If the EV charger is on state or municipal land, it can be 100% funded; if it's on private land, up to 80% of costs can be covered. Each station must contain both DC fast chargers and Level 2 chargers. Drew noted it's important to “future-proof” an installation, so it can be expanded in terms of both electrical capacity (in kilowatts) and physical space. Three to four parking spaces would be required initially, but Drew suggested looking for four to eight spaces to accommodate future

build-out. The state has identified nine high-priority corridors; New London falls within the I-89 corridor as well as the Routes 11/103 corridor. ChargePoint recommends a model CPE 250 charging unit, which has a 62.5 kW limit but it can be paired to deliver 125 kW. In terms of location, Drew suggested focusing on the Shopping Center or the Tracy Library lot, and not the park-and-ride lot. ChargePoint doesn't want to be an owner/operator; instead they would bring in owner/operator partners such as third-party investors or even another equipment manufacturer. Giving one example, Drew estimated a six-year payback on a \$58,000 investment.

2. **E-bike loan program**—Jamie reviewed plans for the loan program and noted there was a need for more volunteers on Oct. 23–24. He announced a training for 1 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 10 for volunteers.
3. **Education & Outreach**—The group focused its recent efforts on the e-bike loan program.
4. **Efficiency & Renewables**—Jamie met with Kim Hallquist and the Town finance officer to review power bills and the plan for requesting a refund from the investors in the annual true-up process outlined in the power purchase agreement that gave the Town its solar arrays.
5. **Next Meeting**—Wed., Nov. 3, 2021, 7 PM, Town Office, Syd Crook Conference Room
6. **Meeting Adjournment**—Gerry moved to adjourn; Bud seconded; approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Paradis