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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2021, 7:00 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room

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

Committee Members Absent: Viggo Fish, Gerry Gold, Bud Dick, Margie Weathers (alternate)

Guests: John Ellis

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

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

- 1. Approval of August, September, and October meeting minutes** – Lisa moved to approve all three months of minutes as presented. Peter seconded, approved unanimously.
- 2. Future meeting minutes and format** – There was a discussion about who would maintain minutes moving forward. Peter moved that Jamie (chair) decide who is taking minutes at the start of the meeting. Tim seconded. Passed unanimously. There was further discussion around holding hybrid meetings (in person and zoom), provided there was a quorum in person.
- 3. Electric bicycle loan program wrap-up and next steps** – Jamie gave a report on the bicycle loan program. Approximately 80 people borrowed bikes, with approximately half of them New London residents. Most of the non-New London residents were from Grantham, Newbury, and Andover. There was further discussion about future e-bike programs (participate in Local Motion's Upper Valley program next year, get our own bikes, or not do it at all).
- 4. New London Energy Committee promotion and recruitment** – There was a discussion of where to put the Town's solar production video monitor, and its use as a tool to publicize the

existence of the municipal solar systems, the Energy Committee, and for recruitment of new Committee members.

- 5. Update on electric vehicle charging station proposals** – Norwich Solar Technologies has approached Jamie and said they are interested in getting into the business of EV charging. They would like to submit a bid for installing a charging station in New London using VW settlement funds.
- 6. Updates on Municipal Solar, Community Solar and Community Power** – Jamie met with the investor-owners of the solar array and presented his calculations to them. Discussions are ongoing.
- 7. Subcommittee Reports, Education and Outreach** – See e-bike report and promotion and recruitment, above.
- 8. Subcommittee Reports, Efficiency and Renewables** – There was discussion around promoting municipal EV use in some manner and various departments that might be interested. Jamie discussed the possibility of getting a no-cost energy audit for Whipple Hall in advance of the renovations. Additionally, he suggested we should get more information about Whipple’s heating system and the potential for replacing it with heat pumps (especially since the renovation plan includes adding air conditioning).
- 9. Other business** – There was a brief discussion of the energy section of the Town’s Master Plan. Tim suggested that next month we plan for a discussion around possible solar preparations for the new roof coming at the fire station, given that the roof is going to be replaced sooner than expected.
- 10. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room (*note new time*).
- 11. Meeting Adjournment** – Tim moved to adjourn; David seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames