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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: December 1, 2021, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room

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

Committee Members Absent: Bud Dick, Margie Weathers (alternate)

Guests: None

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 November meeting minutes** – David moved to approve the November minutes as presented. Lisa seconded, approved unanimously.
- 2. Solar Monitor screen** – Jamie met with Kim Hallquist, who suggested a new location in the lobby of the Town Building for the installation of the monitor. Greg to deliver screen and mounting bracket.
- 3. Education and Outreach** – Did not meet in November.
- 4. Efficiency and Renewables** – Met on 11/17. Next meeting on 12/15. The Subcommittee discussed the \$22M proposed addition to the high school and the lack of any renewable energy in the proposal. Discussion about acquiring an electric Ford F-150 pickup truck for the DPW for FY24. Jamie spoke with Kim Hallquist, who thought it was a good idea to go ahead and make a reservation. Discussed solar true-up, Whipple Hall energy audit, possible installation of solar on a new fire station roof, discussion of the new police station and energy efficiency/solar, and the possibility of installing solar on land behind Hannaford's, should the Town purchase it. Jamie is looking for further information on the proposed high school addition.

- 5. Update on Municipal Solar true-up process** – Jamie heard back from the investors regarding the true-up. Jamie presented two ways to calculate the true-up. One method (his original calculation) came up with the investors owing the Town \$4-5k, the second method (suggested initially by the investors) shows them owing the Town at least \$8k. The investors came back with an acknowledgement that they owe the Town at least \$4000. Viggo moved that the committee recommend to the Town that the Town accept the investors' counterproposal with the caveat that we may want to revisit the calculation methodology in the future. Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Proposal to join Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire** – Jamie spoke to Kim Hallquist, who volunteered to put it on the Selectboard's agenda for later this month (Dec 20th). Jamie moved that the Committee recommend to the Selectboard that the Town sign up to be a member of Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. Gerry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Whipple Hall energy audit on hold due to NHSaves budget freeze** – The recent decision to suspend the NHSaves program has put the Whipple Hall audit on hold. Kim Hallquist offered to ask the Selectboard to write a letter to protest the action. Gerry moved that the Committee recommend that the Selectboard draft and file a letter asking the PUC to put their order on hold and fund the NHSaves program at 2020 levels. Viggo seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Electric bicycle loan program: Next steps** – Jamie has been contacting various local energy committees. Henniker is eager to participate next spring. Jamie has not yet heard discussion around planning Local Motion's Upper Valley e-bike loan program for next year. Jamie is interested in starting a local program if we are able to get support from Vital Communities.
- 9. Update on electric vehicle charging station proposals** – Norwich Solar Technologies has approached Jamie and said they are interested in installing an EV charging station at the Tracy Library lot using VW settlement funds. Chargepoint and ReVision are interested in submitting a competing bid at the New London Shopping Center.
- 10. Other business** – None.
- 11. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room.

12. Meeting Adjournment – Viggo moved to adjourn; Tim seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames