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ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 1, 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 (via Zoom), Greg Ames (via Zoom), Gerry Gold (via Zoom)

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

Guests: Maggie Ellison

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 5:41 PM.

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

- 1. Approval of August 2022 and January 2023 meeting minutes** – Robin moved to approve the August and January minutes as presented. Peter seconded. Approved unanimously. December minutes not ready for review; deferred to next month.
- 2. Municipal solar array “true up”** – Peter and Jamie calculated the true up and determined that the Town slightly overpaid during the operating year, and that PPA investors owe the Town \$34.45. The investors have asked for true ups on a calendar year basis vs the current “operational year” to match the schedules for their other projects. Jamie noted that this would require either a 6 or 18-month true-up to reset from a mid-year to year-end schedule. Jamie mentioned that the investors told him that they are expecting that the Town payments should increase in the future due to the increase in the Eversource default service rate. The Committee discussed the fact that changes to the Eversource default service do not impact the Town’s energy pricing, since the Town has a 4-year contract with a third-party supplier. Viggo recommended reviewing the PPA to confirm that it does not reference the Eversource default rate before contacting the investors. Jamie read, and the Committee discussed, the relevant sections of the PPA. Peter suggested that the Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee participate in the conversation with the investors.

- 3. New London Community Power: Preparation for March Town Meeting** – Kim Hallquist emailed the text of the proposed warrant article to Jamie. The Committee discussed the need for the Selectmen to approve the wording of the warrant article and the latest amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement. There were further discussions around Community Power of New Hampshire (“CPCNH”) Board meetings and various issues that CPCNH is dealing with in regard to the “wave one” startup this spring. Robin will be taking over for Tim as New London’s Alternate Director to CPCNH; the Selectmen will need to approve that change and forward to CPCNH, as it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to designate the Town’s Director and Alternate.
- 4. Upcoming third-party power supply negotiations with Standard Power** – Jamie exchanged email with a representative from Standard Power who has offered a discount of ½ cent per kilowatt-hour on hydro power through 2025. Kim Hallquist has received a contract from Standard Power for this new rate and asked for a recommendation from the Committee as to whether she should sign it. Jamie will forward the contract to the Committee to review before making a recommendation.
- 5. Subcommittee reports: Education & Outreach, Efficiency & Renewables** – Neither Subcommittee met last month. The Efficiency and Renewables Committee will meet on Wed, Feb 15th, 8:30am in Syd Crook.
- 6. Other business** – The Committee discussed the minute-taking process for future meetings.
- 7. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room.
- 8. Meeting Adjournment** – Tim moved to adjourn; Robin seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames