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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 3, 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, Peter Vedova, Tim Paradis, Lisa Hess, David Paradis, Gerry Gold

Committee Members Absent: Margie Weathers, Dave Harris, Bud Dick, Viggo Fish

Guests: Jonalyn Burt

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 January meeting minutes** – Gerry moved to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. David seconded, approved unanimously.
- 2. Municipal Solar Project & LED Lighting Project Updates** – No new updates on solar. Jamie will continue to monitor production and watch for demand charges. No updates on the LED lighting projects. Jamie assumes they are completed; he will investigate.
- 3. Report from Education & Outreach Subcommittee** – The Subcommittee discussed various topics to add to the Facebook page. Will use content from Jamie’s class. Weatherize rebates continue and information will be added to the Facebook page. Info on the extended renewable energy tax credit was also added. The Energy Committee page on the Town website is to be updated. The subcommittee plans to meet on February 18th at 8:30am.
- 4. Report from Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee** – The subcommittee discussed the possibility of EV’s for Police Cruisers and some feasibility concerns. There was discussion about possible new locations for the Police Department and the feasibility of solar at these locations. There was discussion about other possible additional locations for municipal solar within the Town. The subcommittee plans to meet on February 24th at 8:30am.

- 5. Electric Vehicle and Electric Bicycle Initiatives** – Jamie met with Lt. Rowe of the New London Police Department who expressed concerns about the feasibility of EV’s as patrol vehicles vs support vehicles. Large urban police departments that have added EVs may be using them solely as non-patrol vehicles. Would EV’s work for a smaller department with a limited number of vehicles? Lt. Rowe also had concerns about servicing without a local service center. He did suggest the possibility of getting an affordably priced EV that could be shared amongst all Town Departments for general use. The Upper Valley EV bicycle loan program has offered to let New London have the e-bikes in October. There was some discussion around the logistics of running an e-bike loan program within New London, where they would be stored, how checked out, etc. Peter, Tim, and David are willing to assist Lisa and Jamie in running the program in October.
- 6. Summer Internship Opportunities** – Jamie and Peter met with Jennifer Tockman who runs the internship program at Colby-Sawyer. They discussed various requirements of the summer program, are internships available during the school year, etc. The Committee needs to deliver a description of the internship to her by May 1st at the latest (however March is preferable), with a description of the intern’s roles and responsibilities. Several possible jobs were discussed – “Number crunching” of solar to calculate year-end financial analysis, investigating and evaluating future solar sites, encouraging the adoption of more EVs (both municipal and private), encouraging the installation of additional charging stations, Committee communications (social media, etc), encouraging the school district move to renewable energy, and further evaluation of renewable heating systems.
- 7. Reappointment of members and alternates with expiring terms** – Jamie to follow up with David Harris and Bud Dick.
- 8. Other business** – Gerry mentioned HB315 (restrictions on Community Power Aggregations). A brief discussion on HB315 followed. There was also further discussion of Community Power Aggregations and Community Power Coalition NH (<http://www.communitypowernh.org/>)
- 9. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 5:30 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room or Zoom (TBD).

10. Meeting Adjournment – Gerry moved to adjourn; Tim seconded. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames