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ENERGY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2023, 5:30 pm, Syd Crook Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, Lisa Hess, David Paradis, Tim Paradis, Robin Rainie-Lobacz

Committee Members Absent: Viggo Fish, Peter Vedova

Guests Present: Charlie Niebling, Bob Bowers

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 5:34 pm.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** December 2022 and February 2023 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
2. **Presentation by Charlie Niebling on New London Place heating/cooling project.**
After a detailed explanation of the project plan, a lengthy discussion ensued to determine the committee's sentiments as to supporting this project with a letter of endorsement. Wood chips would be procured locally and provide energy to make heat for electricity. It was thought that a positive sentiment from the committee would assist in the attainment of a \$5 million grant. The project would have a 13-year payback period. Though wood is not our preferred energy source, the committee felt it was preferable to the use of fossil fuels. A motion was brought to write the letter of endorsement and was passed unanimously. Jamie agreed to write the letter before the 16th of March and obtain our signatures.
3. **New London Community Power:** An article is on the Town Meeting warrant asking for approval for New London to go forward with Community Power. The Electric Aggregation Plan will be on the Town website for the public to view. We will be prepared to answer questions should they arise.
4. **Municipal Solar True-Up:** Due to delays in completing the True-Up process with the outside investor group, we will be following the Year 2 payment schedule during Year 3, resulting in a slight savings to the Town.
5. **Negotiations with Standard Power:** We are waiting for Standard Power to offer the Town a new electric supply contract to take effect when the current contract expires in

November.

- 6. Energy Conservation Capital Reserve Fund:** This fund will not have enough money to purchase the solar arrays in 2026, in part because the Town has halved its contribution to the fund this year.
- 7. Subcommittee Reports:** No meetings to report.
- 8. Action Items for April:** Submit the Electric Aggregation Plan, consider our choices on renewable energy content, make provisions for customers with solar arrays.
- 9. Other Business:** none
- 10. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 5 ,7:00 pm, Syd Crook Conference Room (note new time)
- 11. Motion to adjourn:** Moved, seconded and approved at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Rainie-Lobacz

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