



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## ENERGY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** April 5, 2023, 7 PM, Town Offices, Syd Crook Conference Room

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Peter Vedova

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:07 PM.

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

1. Minutes: There were no March minutes.
2. E-bikes: Jamie gave an update on the e-bike loan program. It will be only one week this year: August 9–16. Jamie said he and Lisa would handle logistics for the week and that additional volunteers aren't required, though they're certainly not discouraged. The plan is to do one-hour and one-night loans, no multi-day loans.
3. New London Community Power: The committee discussed that the measure passed at Town Meeting.
4. New London Place: The committee discussed whether the proposed assisted-living and memory-care facility would proceed behind the hospital, and if so, whether the committee should sign a letter of support for a grant the site's developer was seeking for a wood-fired heating plant. The committee decided unanimously to support the plan.
5. Municipal solar: The committee discussed a proposal to place solar on the roof of the fire station. Members debated how to finance it, either through the energy-efficiency capital reserve fund, or by seeking a bond approval at Town Meeting. The discussion centered on whether the reserve fund should instead be used to purchase the investor-owned municipal solar arrays at the Town's Highway Garage and Sewer Department. No decision was made.
6. Jamie plans to get in touch with the Community Development Finance Authority to inquire about funding mechanisms for municipal solar systems.

7. Standard Power: The committee discussed the absence of a new contract offer from Standard Power, a broker with whom the Town currently has a multi-year energy contract that expires in November. The committee was unsure what the terms and rate would be.
8. Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee: The group plans to meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.
9. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m., Syd Crook Conference Room.
10. Motion to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Paradis

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