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ENERGY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 2023, **7:00 p.m.**, Syd Crook Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, David Paradis, Viggo Fish, Peter Vedova, Robin Rainie-Lobacz.

Committee Members Present via Zoom: Tim Paradis

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Hess

Guests Present: John Ellis

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:04 PM.

Brief description of matters discussed and votes taken (if any):

1. Minutes: April, May and June meeting minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting.

2. Electric bicycle loan program: Jamie and Peter reported on the changes to the schedule for the electric bicycle loan program due to the change in time of delivery of the bikes. It was decided to add more demo hour slots on Saturday and Sunday to compensate for the lost demo hour on both Wednesdays. The loan program will be open to the public August 9th through August 16th.

3. New London Community Power: Jamie reported that our current third-party supply contract with Standard Power ends November 2023. The new Standard Power contract requires a two-year commitment and the cost is 50% more per kilowatt-hour than the current contract. The committee as a whole is in favor of switching over to New London Community Power, because it will be cheaper than either Standard Power or Eversource. Jamie shared the good news that Eversource's default rate has come down and is now less than 1 cent higher than the proposed Standard Power contract. This is timely, as the municipality will have to purchase power at the Eversource default rate from November 2023 until Community Power launches.

4. Kearsarge Energy LP: Jamie met with company representative Malcolm Bliss to explore the possibility of joining their solar group net metering program and in turn receiving a rebate on our electric bills. The committee decided to invite Mr. Bliss to our August 9th meeting to explain his proposal in more detail.

5. Municipal Solar Expansion: Jamie joined Kevin Davis from Norwich Solar to meet with Chief Lyon at the New London fire station. The parties agreed to focus on the portion of the building closest to Main Street, where 30 kilowatts of solar panels can be installed at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

6. Subcommittee Reports: The Education and Outreach subcommittee met briefly before the main meeting to go over the E-Bike scheduling changes discussed in item 2 above. The Efficiency and Renewables Subcommittee did not meet in the past month.

Viggo Fish motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robin Rainie-Lobacz seconded. The meeting ended at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Vedova

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