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ENERGY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024, **7:00 p.m.**, Syd Crook Conference Room

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

Committee Members Absent: Peter Vedova, Viggo Fish

Guests Present: John Ellis, Rich Epstein

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:02 PM.

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

1. Meeting Minutes: The January and March minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

2. New London Community Power: Our April bills from Eversource will be the first ones to reflect the switchover to Community Power. Jamie reminded all customers to check the Supply section of this month's bill. Customers without solar should see New London Community Power as their electricity supplier. Those with solar should make sure they are still on Eversource default service and have not been inadvertently enrolled in Community Power.

3. Solar at the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant: Jamie reported that the ad hoc solar committee is reopening discussions with potential vendors. The committee will interview Santa Energy on April 12th and Revision Energy at the end of the month. The committee is still awaiting a proposal from Norwich Solar.

4. Municipal Solar: At our March meeting, Jim Flanagan, a volunteer with the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, had suggested that a municipal solar expansion could take place on undeveloped land owned or protected by Ausbon Sargent. Jamie contacted Ausbon Sargent directly and was told that the language contained in conservation easements prohibits commercial use and Ausbon Sargent considers a solar array to be a commercial use. However, future conservation easements could be written in such a way as to specifically allow solar arrays.

5. Electric Vehicle Expo in West Lebanon: This event will take place April 21st. Jamie will attend with a goal of meeting electric vehicle owners and encouraging them to attend our September Expo in New London.

6. Earth Expo & Button Up Workshop: These events take place May 2nd at Proctor Academy and Colby-Sawyer College, respectively. Jamie will help out at the Earth Expo. Our Committee is a co-sponsor of the Button Up Workshop so committee members are encouraged to attend and to help with publicity.

7. Electric Bicycle Loan Program: Jamie will contact Sunapee Ebikes to ask if they would like to host the program again. Jamie, Lisa and Robin volunteered to help with the program.

8. Electric Vehicle Expo: Jamie asked Committee members to sign up online to attend or volunteer at the Expo. Jamie reported that Rocky's Hardware has offered to display electric lawn and garden equipment at the Expo, including possibly an electric riding lawnmower. John Ellis offered to contact Banks Chevrolet in Concord and recruit them as an event sponsor. Jamie will contact Sunapee Ebikes about sponsorship as well.

9. Other Business: Robin asked about committee reappointments, as her term and David's expire this spring and they would both like to request a 3-year reappointment. Jamie promised to follow up. Robin also mentioned the ongoing need to recruit new committee members and she volunteered to make an attempt.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Hess

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