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## DRAFT ENERGY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024, **7:00 p.m.**, Whipple Memorial Hall

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Peter Vedova

**Guests Present:** John Ellis, Karen Epstein, Rich Epstein, Jim Flanagan

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:03 PM.

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

**1. Approval of Minutes:** May 29th and July 10th minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**2. Municipal Solar Grant Application:** Jamie thanked Viggo for staying up very late the night before the application was due to help get it across the finish line. Robin, Peter and Tim also contributed to the effort. Our 103-page application was successfully submitted 30 minutes before the deadline on August 1st.

**3. E-Bike Loan Program:** Jamie thanked Robin, Lisa, Peter and John for volunteering at Whipple Hall to loan out bikes. This year there was very little interest in one-hour loans; the vast majority of borrowers preferred to borrow bikes overnight and return them the next morning. Jamie suggested for next year's program to focus exclusively on overnight loans, which will reduce the workload for volunteers.

**4. Hospital Days Parade:** Jamie expressed his gratitude to Robin, Lisa, Viggo, David and the Collins family for piloting the cars and trucks, carrying the banner, and handing out candy to publicize our upcoming Electric Vehicle Expo.

**5. Electric Vehicle Expo:** Advance planning tasks consist of (1) recruiting electric vehicle owners; (2) recruiting solar installers and other exhibitors; and (3) soliciting raffle donations. These tasks are well underway. There was a general discussion of the volunteer roles that need to be filled on the day of the event: setup, cleanup, registration, raffle, refreshments, exhibits and parking.

**6. Outreach to the College, Hospital & School District:** Jamie has met with representatives of Colby-Sawyer College and the Kearsarge School District to discuss energy efficiency, renewable energy and electric vehicle charging. No meetings have been held with New London Hospital.

**7. Energy Committee expansion:** Jamie noted that Committee membership has fallen from 12 members to seven and there are no alternates. He reported that John Ellis has filled out a volunteer interest form and has requested to join our committee. Robin moved that the committee make a request to the Board of Selectmen to appoint John Ellis to the position of Alternate. David seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8. Other Business:** Regarding electric vehicle charging, the deadline for Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) applications has been extended to August 14th. This is the second year of a five-year federal program, so there will be three more opportunities to apply. The requirements are quite strict, as applicants are required to dedicate four contiguous parking spaces for public-access EV charging. No Town of New London parking area is large enough to give up four parking spaces, but the College, Hospital and Shopping Center might be interested.

**9. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held **September 4th** at 7:00 pm.

**10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Hess

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