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ENERGY COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Town Office Building

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

Committee Alternates Present: John Ellis, Meredith Smith

Guests Present: Tom Hamlin

Meeting called to order by Jamie Hess at 5:30 PM.

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

1. **Approval of December meeting minutes:** John Ellis motioned for approval. Lisa Hess seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously, after incorporating a minor correction.
2. **Solar array budget proposal:**
 - Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee report
 - January 6th meeting was attended by Tim, Robin, John, Meredith, Jamie.
 - Answered 23 Budget Committee questions; 5 pages of responses prepared.
 - Seeking a \$150,000 appropriation for Energy Projects Capital Reserve Fund
 - Top priority: New solar array at Stump Dump
 - Committee will attend Budget Committee meeting at 6pm to answer questions
3. **Committee membership change:** A motion was made to promote John and Meredith to full membership. Approval was unanimous. Committee will now have 9 full members.
4. **Meeting schedule change:** Meredith made a motion to meet at 7 pm year-round in order to avoid dinner hour conflicts and make life easier for working members. John seconded. Approval was unanimous.
5. **Municipal Matters article:** Meredith reported on the article she wrote about the groundbreaking ceremony for the 5-megawatt Poverty Plains solar array now under construction in Warner.
6. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm, Town Office Building.

Robin motioned to adjourn the meeting. David seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting ended at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Paradis

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