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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 5, 2021, 7:00 PM, Virtual Meeting via Zoom -
<https://zoom.us/j/5079883436> or (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID 5079883436

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, Greg Ames, Peter Vedova, Tim Paradis, Lisa Hess, Viggo Fish, Gerry Gold, David Paradis

Committee Members Absent: Margie Weathers, Dave Harris, Bud Dick

Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:01 PM.

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

- 1. Approval of April meeting minutes** – Deferred to June meeting.
- 2. Report from Education & Outreach Subcommittee** – Peter reported that the Subcommittee interviewed a promising Colby-Sawyer student for our summer internship, but he chose a different position. The internship is still available. Jamie and Lisa have continued to update the Committee's Facebook page. The Subcommittee discussed logistics around the e-bike loaner program. Gerry proposed adding a link to the solar production reports to the Town's homepage. The Subcommittee planned its next meeting for Tuesday, May 25th at 8:30am.
- 3. Report from Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee** – There was some discussion about clean municipal heating options (biomass, geothermal). The Subcommittee planned its next meeting for Wednesday, May 26th at 8:30am.
- 4. Solarize Kearsarge Program Update** – This year's Solarize program consists of zoom presentations from several local solar installers. The first one was from ReVision Energy and had 29 participants. The second one will be with Granite State Solar on May 17th at

noon via Zoom. See the ad in the Kearsarge shopper. A future session will be scheduled in the evenings for people who cannot make a noon meeting.

- 5. Community Solar Farm Opportunities** – A recent legislative change has made it possible to do community solar projects in New Hampshire. Norwich Technologies built a community solar project in Charlestown with off-takers in Hanover. See: <https://www.solarpowerworldonline.com/2020/12/norwich-solar-technologies-completes-community-solar-project-in-new-hampshire/> ReVision is interested in building a similar project, and is looking for cleared sites with three phase power nearby, approximately 1-2 acres in size, with a landowner interested in a 25-year lease. The Committee discussed some possible locations within Town.
- 6. Other business** – None
- 7. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 7:00 PM, Zoom.
- 8. Meeting Adjournment** – Greg moved to adjourn; Tim seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames