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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: June 2, 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, Tim Paradis, Lisa Hess, Gerry Gold, Peter Vedova, David Paradis

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

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 and May meeting minutes** – Gerry moved to approve the April and May meeting minutes as presented. Lisa seconded, approved unanimously.
- 2. Report from Education & Outreach Subcommittee** – Peter reported that the Subcommittee discussed resuming in-person meetings in July. The state of emergency declaration that authorizes on-line meetings is expiring on June 11th. If not re-authorized, meetings must be held in person. No additional internship applications were received. The Committee has not heard from the solar investors regarding the pending true-up for the solar PPA. Jamie forwarded the Subcommittee's prior edits to the Energy Committee's home page to the Town Office for updates. The Subcommittee did not plan its next meeting.
- 3. Report from Efficiency & Renewables Subcommittee** – The Subcommittee discussed the upcoming Solar PPA true-up, the lack of a summer intern to assist with the true-up calculations, and the process of reviewing our electric bills and solar production in anticipation of these calculations. The Subcommittee planned its next meeting for Wednesday, June 23rd at 8:30am.

4. **Solarize Kearsarge Program Update** – This year’s Solarize program has consisted of three zoom presentations from several local solar installers. Interested parties are then free to contact the installer of their choice. We may want to revisit next year if the solar tax credits are not renewed (which would increase the urgency of installing solar before 2022 year end).
5. **Community Solar Project Update** – Jamie continues to hear from people with homes that are not good solar candidates. Jamie had a phone call with Kevin Davis of Norwich Solar Technologies who expressed a strong interest in building a community solar facility in Eversource territory. They are interested in sites of at least 1.5 acres in size, relatively level, (but not necessarily cleared), that could be up to 500-1000 feet from three-phase power.
6. **Moving toward 100% renewable energy for heating and transportation** – The Committee briefly discussed using biomass or geothermal for heating, and the possibility of investigating Ford’s new F-150 EV for municipal use.
7. **Other business** – None
8. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 7:00 PM, Whipple Hall (**note new location/date**).
9. **Meeting Adjournment** – Tim moved to adjourn; Greg seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames