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FINAL

ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: August 4, 2021, 7:00 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, Greg Ames, Viggo Fish, Gerry Gold

Committee Members Absent: Tim Paradis, Lisa Hess, Peter Vedova, David Paradis, Margie Weathers (alternate), Bud Dick (alternate)

Guests: John Ellis

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:04 PM.

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

1. **Approval of July meeting minutes** – Deferred due to lack of quorum.
2. **Subcommittee Reports** – The Education and Outreach Subcommittee did not meet last month. The Efficiency and Renewables Subcommittee met in the preceding week and discussed the solar true-up payment and methodology for making that calculation.
 - The subcommittee determined that the Town is owed a true-up payment, because total electric costs increased, even though total electric usage declined after installation of municipal solar arrays and LED lighting.
 - Jamie will draft e-mail to solar investor explaining the Town's methodology and requesting payment.
 - The subcommittee will draft follow up letter if needed.
 - The Town has built up a large credit through its net metered solar power. Tim will contact Eversource to request a check in the amount of the credit.

3. **Community solar project** – There was a discussion of possible future solar sites, including the capped landfill on Mountain Road (likely limited to 50kW due to the lack of three-phase power on site) and the fire station (after the installation of a new roof).
4. **Electric bicycle loan program – Launch publicity, recruit volunteers** – Jamie gave a presentation to the Rec Department last night. The Department has offered storage space in Whipple Hall for the program. Individual towns get to decide the schedule for their participation period. Jamie suggested demo days on the weekends (Saturday, Sunday, or possibly both) and one- or two-day loans during the week (Monday morning-Tuesday afternoon, all day Wednesday, and Thursday morning to Friday evening). Jamie thought, given that New London is the only town in the area participating, that many people in surrounding towns might be interested in trying out the bikes, resulting in high demand. Jamie suggested deferring to the Education and Outreach Subcommittee to coordinate with volunteers in surrounding towns.
5. **Municipal renewable energy goals – electricity, heating, transportation** – Jamie pointed out that despite the long time horizons for the Town’s goals, we should not postpone getting started. The long lifespan of heating systems and heavy vehicles may mean that items replaced now might not be ready for replacement again before the 2030/2050 dates.
6. **Other business** – Viggo mentioned meeting with Henry Herndon of Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, who offered to come present to the Committee on CPCNH. John discussed the UN Global Compact’s Sustainable Development Goals.
7. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 7:00 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room.
8. **Meeting Adjournment** – Greg moved to adjourn; Gerry seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames