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ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: September 4, 2024, 7 PM, Town Offices, Syd Crook Conference Room

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

Committee Members Absent: Viggo Fish

Members of the Public: Rich Epstein, Karen Epstein, Meredith Smith

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:01 PM

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

1. August Minutes—Robin moved to add details on solar appraiser; John motioned; David seconded the amended motion.
2. EV Expo planning: Jamie gave an update on preparations for the event on Sun., Sept. 29, 2024, at the New London Historical Society. The discussion involved tasks such as registration, raffle, food and beverage, exhibits, and parking.
 - a. A planning meeting was set for Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.
3. New London Community Power: The committee discussed how there was a CPCNH strategic planning meeting at Whipple set for Mon., Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. Jamie asked that committee members try to attend the meeting.

4. Hilltop Place solar discussion: The committee discussed how eight to 10 homeowners at the community want to get solar panels on the administrative and maintenance buildings and how there was a quote from Granite State Solar.
5. Town of Sunapee on community power and municipal solar: New London hopes Sunapee will join CPCNH so that the town can save money on electricity used at the sewer pumping station. The discussion involved a request for proposals for a solar array at the wastewater treatment plant.
 - a. The ideal size of the array would be 300 kWh though it's not clear there is sufficient land for such an installation.
6. Municipal solar: The committee discussed sites for a municipal solar expansion. These include the transfer station, the fire station, the police station, the DPW highway garage, the sewer department, the stump dump, and the Mountain Road landfill.
 - a. Jamie mentioned that where the lines come into Mountain Road, they are not at a great angle.
 - b. The highway garage could be a spot to add another 50 kWh because it only has 50 now. There is still space on the south side roof and perhaps along the ground. Peter mentioned that the installers might not have put more panels on the roof because of shading from trees.
7. Next meeting: Wed., Oct. 2, 7 p.m., Syd Crook Conference Room.
8. Motion to adjourn: John made the motion; Peter seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Paradis