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ENERGY COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: June 8th, 2016: 7:00 PM, Whipple Hall conference room.

Committee Members Present: Jan Beardsley-Blanco, Peter Vedova, Tim Paradis, Jamie Hess, Lisa Putnam, Dave Harris, Bill Spear. Guest: 2-prospective members: Gil Ginetti and Tom Zacareli. Gil and Tom confirmed their interest in joining the committee and the committee was unanimous in their desire to have them join.

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

1. Minutes from the May meeting were accepted.
2. Presented an overview of the committee including recent accomplishments to Gil and Tom Z.
3. Peter confirmed status of the LED Street lighting upgrade:
 - a. Select board approval for the project was received on May 16th. The budget is available for the lighting upgrade.
 - b. The order was placed on June 1st. Plan is for the lighting to be in place by September.
4. EV charging station:
 - a. A new charging station has been installed at the Inn at Pleasant Lake. This was arranged by an association and was completely free to the Inn. The Inn provides this as a free service to guests and charges \$15 to non-guests. Jamie and Lisa spoke with representatives from the Inn and they are willing to make the charging system available on the day of our electric vehicle event free of charge.
 - b. Committee members feel a second location is necessary to provide proper access to EV owners. Tom Mills is very interested in having a system at the Flying Goose but needs recommendations for hardware and installers. Jamie sent the requested information to Tom. The best location would be the front wall of the restaurant or the far end of the parking lot to keep non-EV owners from using the space. Jamie is waiting to hear if Tom needs additional information. Lisa and Jamie are in favor of charging system owners asking for donations rather than charge a set fee. This recommendation is consistent with comments from Storm Connors at an earlier NLEC meeting during which he stated that EV owners resent some of the outrageous fees charged for some charging stations.
 - c. action items:
 - i. Tim will speak with the Reed Clarke about regional Chamber of Commerce interest in supporting this initiative.

5. Electric car event in New London. Participants will include car and solar companies, sponsors, people to promote in the school, and other area energy committees (Grantham, Eastman, and Andover). The barn will be setup with ten tables and three chairs per table. Non-profit event participants will be free.
 - a. Responsibilities and action plans:
 - i. Jamie and Dave Harris continue to manage social media outlets
 - ii. Dealers \$150: Dave H. will send a brochure and contract for sponsors. When this is available, Bill will connect with BMW, Nissan, and Chevy to get commitments. Andover Energy Group has dealer connections as well.
 - iii. Price: \$150 w/table.
 - iv. Dave H. will work on electric bicycles
 - v. Jamie will contact Revision Energy
 - vi. Jan will pursue solar electric solar contractors \$100
 - vii. Dave H. will contact Margie Weathers about non-car sponsors \$50
 - viii. Greg from Sunapee asked if we will be able to recharge electric vehicles at the site. Do they have 240 volts available at the event site? Dave Harris will ask a representative from the Historical Society.
 - ix. Jamie will contact Chevy at an event on June 10th
 - x. Tom Z. will contact the Audi dealer in Nashua
 - xi. Lisa will contact Miller VW in Lebanon.
 - xii. Jamie will e-mail Tim about a contact at Bonin Architects & Associates, - they have three clients with Teslas
 - xiii. Bill will contact Nissan about participating in the event
 - xiv. Dave, Lisa, and Jamie will continue to fine tune the post cards and website
 - xv. Plugshare.com lists area charging stations. Bill to look up stations in the Concord area where post cards could be left to advertise our event.
 - xvi. Bill to arrange support from the Colby-Sawyer College Enactus team for event day.
 - xvii. Dave reports that no insurance should be required but Bill will confirm with Kim H.
6. The NH branch of the League of Conservation voters would like to have us co-sponsor a round table discussion about motivating climate change. They would like to meet with members of this committee in addition to town leaders and politicians. Dave Harris will check for conference room space at the library.
7. Next meeting: July 13th at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Bill Spear