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ENERGY COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 3, 2015: 5:30 PM special time because of important meetings scheduled for our normal time.

Committee Members Present: Peter Vedova, Tim Paradis, Jan Beardsley-Blanco, Tom Little, Dave Harris, Jamie Hess, and Bill Spear.

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

1. Minutes from the January meeting were accepted with the addition of two potential new members.
2. LED Street lighting upgrade: The committee discussed this new initiative at length. A pilot fixture is installed in front of the town offices. We will promote the installation and ask residents for comments. We discussed feedback from Eversource on the grant. We are unable to use one style of fixture that enables intensity adjustments. Peter presented an acceptable alternative and we will move forward as planned. There is a slight (favorable) cost so we will not update our proposal.
3. Dave Harris presented a plan for an electric car event in New London. Dave asked for and received volunteers to lead key initiatives for the event. The event is targeted for September 2016.
4. Net metering cap in NH: the proposed bill will likely pass and it will increase the net metering cap a small amount. This change will allow for solar investment to continue as is for the near future. A more substantial increase is required long term and the committee remains committed to supporting such a bill.
5. New London assessment policy for renewable energy/conservation. The New London Conservation Commission attended a meeting with the assessor in December. A representative of the Conservation Committee asked if our committee would support a bill or warrant article to formally eliminate alternative energy systems from property assessments in town. All present were unanimously in support. Update: The conservation committee has asked the energy committee to take responsibility for this effort. The energy committee is in agreement that we should move this forward. We will add this to our future agenda.
6. Future topics
 - a. New London buildings and feasibility of alternative energy. No change: we need to analyze energy bills and send that information as well. Bill Spear to coordinate creation of a workbook and the completion of the analysis.

- b. Dave created a Facebook page for the Energy committee and will work with Tom to allow others to add content. Dave asks that we start promoting the page to others (Like it!)
- c. Strategic planning discussion will resume at a future meeting, led by Bill and Tim
- d. Bud will investigate the public transportation system in Hanover and find out how Canaan, NH qualified.
- e. Dave and Bill will work to arrange an Eversource representative to attend our meeting(s).

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Bill Spear