



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 10, 2013

**PRESENT: Bill Spear (Chair), Alan Owens, Dave Harris**

**ABSENT: Leigh Bears, Joan Cobb, Brian Armentrout, Alison Seward, Margie Weathers, Michael Rodriguez**

Chair Spear opened the meeting at 7:06pm.

### *Moving New London towards Sustainability*

He started a discussion of how to get the Town of New London moving towards sustainability. He created a diagram which included ways in which the Town could be led towards this goal, including providing sources of funding and grants, sharing success stories, marketing initiatives and identifying incentives.

Step One: Educate and motivate

Step Two: How to... Explain funding, give examples of successful implementation.

### *Invitation by Colby-Sawyer College*

Chair Spear noted that Colby-Sawyer College has extended an invitation to the public to witness their wind turbine installation on Saturday, July 13, 2013 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. From 11:00am – 1:00pm is when they will complete the assembly of the tower and the hub. The turbine is located near the Sugar House.

### Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2013

**IT WAS MOVED (Dave Harris) AND SECONDED (Alan Owens) to approve the minutes of May 29, 2013, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was noted that Mr. Owens was being considered a member of the Energy Committee but that he needed to fill out the volunteer form with the Town. Chair Spear said he would get the proper forms to Mr. Owens to complete.

### Energy 101 Draft – Michael Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez was not at the meeting to discuss this.

Chair Spear said he spoke with Heather from ReVision Energy and let her know that in late August or September they will hold a meeting where she could present some information to the residents that would support the Energy 101 workshop. ReVision Energy employs experts in the photovoltaic systems who can figure out what size systems are needed and provide installation services.

Chair Spear noted that Tom Mills from the Flying Goose Pub should also be invited to speak at this event, as he uses many sustainable means to produce energy needed to run his restaurant and pub.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the committee could accept funding from outside sources. Mr. Harris noted that there had been talk of creating a regional Energy Committee that would not be subject to town rules when it comes to funds and how they are used.

Chair Spear said he would like to somehow reach the summer people to let them know of this upcoming workshop. It was noted by Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary, that a non-resident taxpayer meeting would be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> and that this may be a good place to alert the summer people of this workshop.

Mr. Owens said he has reached out to Bruss Construction about participating but has not yet heard back from them.

Regional Transportation

Chair Spear said they were still waiting to hear back from Mr. Meller about this issue.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 7, 2013 at 7:00pm and would be held in the Syd Crook Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London