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ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2013

PRESENT: Bill Spear (Chair), Alison Seward, Leigh Bears, Dave Harris

ABSENT: Margie Weathers Joan Cobb, Brian Armentrout, Alan Owens, Michael Rodriguez

Chair Spear opened the meeting at 7:09pm. He noted that there had been a work-session held by some members of the Energy Committee a couple weeks prior. He thought it was productive and got the ball rolling on several projects.

Chair Spear said that he contacted Jen White at Colby-Sawyer College about possible information and/or materials the college had access to that could be used for the Energy 101 workshop. She offered numerous possibilities. She also noted that starting in October and running through April on Thursday nights the Transition Town group will meet at Graze to discuss energy issues. She has invited the Energy Committee to take one of the nights and give this Energy 101 presentation to them. The seven sections they would like to include in the Energy 101 workshop are: introduction, solar hot water and electric, grants and tax incentives, wind power, insulation doors and windows, landscaping, and electric cars. Chair Spear thought they could end the presentation with a recruitment drive.

Ms. Seward suggested reviewing the papers that Jack Harrod and others wrote that are currently on the Energy Committee's website. She wasn't sure how these papers would fit into their plans.

Green Business Alliance

Ms. Seward said she and Ms. Weathers sketched out a plan two weeks ago but they have not progressed since then.

Review of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Spear) AND SECONDED (Leigh Bears) to approve the minutes of August 7, 2013, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recycling

Chair Spear said he had not heard back from the State regarding his recycling presentation. He indicated that a work-study student who handles recycling on campus and was aware of Chair Spear's doctoral study on recycling sent him an email and would like to meet with him.

Ms. Bears said she is waiting to hear back from Dee Doheny regarding the recycling initiative at the elementary school.

Investment Fund

Chair Spear said they need to develop a mission for this fund. Allen Owens would hopefully agree to champion this effort.

Other Business

Chair Spear said that ENACTUS is back at work on campus and he would like to include them in the event at GRAZE.

The Conservation Commission wanted to meet in another two weeks for a work session. It was scheduled for October 16th and the location would be determined at a later date.

Chair Spear said he would like to continue collaboration with the Andover Energy Committee.

A 5-part class offered by the UNH Cooperative Extension was passed on to Chair Spear by someone from the Andover Energy Committee. It begins October 16 in Boscawen and involves perma-culture, case study field trips, and ecological design. The class is recommended to town planners and others who play a role in town ecology. He would forward the informational email to the Energy Committee shortly.

**IT WAS MOVED (Alison Seward) AND SECONDED (Dave Harris) to adjourn the meeting.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London