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ENERGY COMMITTEE — MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: September 5, 2018, 7:00 PM, Town Offices, Syd Crook Conference Room

Committee Members Present: Jamie Hess, Lisa Hess, Tim Paradis, Greg Ames, Bud Dick, David Paradis, David Harris, Leigh Bears

Guests: Sheldon and Betsy Boege

Meeting called to order by Jamie at 7:05 PM.

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

1. **Approval of Minutes** – Bud made motion to approve May minutes, Jamie seconded, approved unanimously. Greg will forward final May minutes plus draft minutes for June through September to the Town to be posted (with draft watermark) prior to approval at the next meeting.
2. **Update from Energy Usage Subcommittee** – Subcommittee is still reviewing power purchase contracts. One set is cancellable with 60-day notice, while the other set appears to have more significant cancellation terms. All contracts expire by November 2019. Subcommittee will try to meet with Kim Hallquist to discuss next week and may consult with Town Legal Counsel, if needed, to determine ramifications of cancelling the purchase contracts or reducing our power purchased as a result of installing solar. Subcommittee is still interested in recommending solar on certain buildings with high usage, such as the Highway Garage or Water Precinct. In addition, other power suppliers may be considered, with possible switch in power supplier, shorter terms, etc. when the current contracts expire.
3. **Update on Tracy Memorial Library LED lighting project** – Peter Salvitti, Efficient LED Lighting Systems, Sunapee (<http://eledls.com>), provided a quote for converting the Library's lighting to energy-efficient LED's. The gross price for a complete LED conversion was approximately \$32,000, with an Eversource rebate of approximately

\$8000 (25%), for a net project cost of approximately \$24,000. The upgrade would result in an estimated savings of \$4,000/year, plus estimated annual maintenance savings of \$400. The Library could choose to replace a subset of the fixtures to reduce the overall cost. Sandra Licks, Library Director, is out of Town this week, but would like to meet with interested members of the Energy Committee later next week (Wed-Fri) to review the quote and ask for recommendations on how to proceed.

4. **Planning for Electric Vehicle Expo on Sunday, September 9** – 162 attendees have pre-registered. 32 cars signed up, including 14 Chevrolets (9 Volt plug-in hybrids and 5 Bolt all-electric) and 9 Teslas (2 Model 3). At the last New London show in 2016, 195 attendees pre-registered, and we had 24 cars, 12 models. Banks Chevrolet and Garrish Honda cancelled, as they sold out of all plug-in cars and have none to bring to the show. Grappone will bring a plug-in Toyota Prius Prime. We have 23 sponsors and 10 raffle prizes, including a kid's Model S and gift certificates from Peter Christian's, the New London Inn, and The Inn at Pleasant Lake.
5. **Other Business** –Jamie said that Colby-Sawyer has completed the installation of an EV charging station near the sugar shack.
6. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 PM, Syd Crook Conference Room.
7. **Meeting adjournment:** Greg moved to adjourn, Bud seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Ames, Secretary