ENERGY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 7, 2023

Call to Order: 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Tim Moore, *Chair*
                                   Peter Bealo, *Vice Chair*
                                   Gerry Marchand
                                   Walter Proctor
                                   Jon Gifford, *Selectmen's Ex-Officio, excused*
                                   Jay DeRoche*, Alternate Selectmen's Ex-Officio*

Also present: Cab Vinton, *Plaistow Public Library Director*; Liz Kosta, *Community Power Subcommittee Candidate*; Ryan Polson and Theresa MacDowell, *Standard Power (Community Power)*; and Dee Voss, *Planning Department Administrative Assistant*

Agenda Item 3: Community Power – Ryan Polson, Standard Power

Ryan Polson and Emily Manns, from Standard Power, were present for the discussion.

R. Polson gave an updated presentation on Community Power and the benefits to communities who provide the program to their residents. He spoke of the history, legislation and process that allowed for Community Power to exist in New Hampshire, noting the following:

-   The history of Standard Power and its involvement in assisting New Hampshire communities
-   An explanation of what Community Power is and how competitive pricing works
-   Historical information on how municipal electricity has priced compared to the usual electrical service providers
-   Local Renewal Market options
-   Additional benefits such as local control, consumer protection, energy planning, innovative local programs, and education/awareness
-   Different Community Power program/product options
-   Community Outreach, surveys, etc.
-   Opt-in, and opt-out options for consumers and the ability to freely switch without penalty
-   Timeline to implement the Community Power program

R. Polson gave examples of other New Hampshire communities and their progress with bringing Community Power into their towns.

The EComm was provided with a copy of a community outreach survey and asked to provide comment on what changes should be made to suit Plaistow for discussion at the next meeting. All comments should be forwarded to D. Voss who will combine them into a single list and provide the list to R. Polson.

There was a discussion regarding the schedule for the Community Power Subcommittee (CPS) to keep the project moving along as quickly as possible. It was decided that a second monthly meeting would be added on the third Wednesday of the month. The meeting on the first Wednesday of each month would focus more on other EComm projects and topics but will include CPS as an agenda item. The second meeting, on the third Wednesday, will be as exclusive as possible to the Community Power project. Because July 5 would be the next meeting date, and it's in a holiday week, the Board opted to set an additional meeting date of June 28, 2023, and add the third Wednesday of the month as a meeting date effective in July. This will be for the schedule for the duration of the CPS project.

Agenda Item 4: Rooftop Solar RFP

The Board had been provided with a copy of a Request for Proposal (RFP) document that was used for the rooftop solar array on the Salt Shed at the Public Works Facility on Main Street. There were some minor updates that had been provided and incorporated into the document. There was consensus of the EComm to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to have the RFP posted.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business
    a. **Solar Ordinance Review**

The EComm was provided with a copy of the current Solar Collection Systems ordinance (Article XVA) and asked to forward any comments on same to D. Voss. The comments will be added to an ordinance draft that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

There was no new business discussed at this meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Review and Approval of Minutes

★ P. Bealo moved, second by G. Marchand, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023, meeting. There was no discussion on the motion. The vote was 5-0-0 U/A.

Agenda Item 7: Correspondence, Other Business

There were no additional matters before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dee Voss
Administrative Assistant