Minutes

Town of Wolfeboro, Energy Committee 4:00 pm, August 31, 2023 Beaver Room, Wolfeboro Public Library

Present: Rick Skarinka, Rick Kourian, Dick Byrd, Jessie Shor, Mike Kolodner, Warren Wilson, Nancy Hirshberg

- 1. Call to Order at 4:02 pm
- 2. Introductions and Welcome new Committee member Jessica Shor
- Accepted Minutes from Meeting July 17, 2023. Rick Skarinka made the motion. Seconded by Warren Wilson. Unanimous approval.
- 4. Energy Committee budget update. We have transferred the funds from WEDCO to the town. We have \$358 remaining in our account.
- 5. EV Chargers in Wolfeboro: Discussed inviting a contact who Mike met to come speak to the committee about electrification of boats. If it works for the next meeting, we may do it then. If not, we'll have him attend sometime in the spring. Brian was not there to update us on the EV charger usage. Nancy will send it out with the meeting minutes.
- 6. Public Safety Building: Nancy and Eli have been meeting with the architect and Jim Pineo. The architect has sent the recommended energy efficiency measures out to get costing.
- 7. Bus Service to Wolfeboro Municipal Solar: No update.
- 8. Municipal Energy Tracking: Warren and Jen Wilson are revising the spreadsheet. They believe they can simplify it. Ultimately, we would ask the suppliers to complete the monthly data.
- 9. Update on Solar Projects
 - a. Library Solar: A new grant RFP with DOE funds administered through DES is coming out this fall. It will pay for up to 60% of the costs of a 60 KW array. We may split the library project into two phases to meet the 60 KW limit.
 - b. RFQ: We asked the companies to give us questions they need answered in order to give us firm numbers. We are in the process of answering the questions. We learned that the landfill can sustain a system on the capped landfill. We have not yet heard from Barry whether the system can handle the energy. Noted that the water treatment plant is not far from the landfill and could use much of the power. Rick S. said that having the first net zero energy water treatment plant would be highly desirable.
 - c. Wolfeboro Solar Ordinance: Rick K. has read Rochester's ordinance and said it is an excellent, simple example. Nancy spoke with the Planning Board Chairman who said it is fine to wait for the Clean Energy NH model ordinance before we give feedback to the Planning Board. It is due out this

fall. Rick will wait for that before bringing a recommendation to the energy committee.

10. Other Business

- a. LES Conference Nov 2, 8-4:30, Manchester Nancy is attending. Mike and Jessy expressed interest in the two free tickets that we get with the Clean Energy NH membership.
- 11. Next Meeting will be scheduled for some time October-December.
- 12. Adjourned at 4:45 pm

Minutes taken by Nancy Hirshberg

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