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Accepted MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING Dec 12, 2023

Meeting held at the Stratham Municipal Center

Commission Members:

- Matthew O'Keefe
- Charlie Case
- Michael Welty
- Joe VanGombos
- Joe Anderson - Select Board Member
- Paul Deschaine
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Call to Order: 6:05 PM

November 14, 2023 minutes approved with corrections

Stratham Memorial School Building Committee: The SMS Building Committee will meet on December 20, 2023 to review the status of a proposed initiative to upgrade the existing 1989 building to current standards. The Energy Commission did an energy audit of the building years ago and is interested in providing inputs to help make the building as energy efficient as possible, acting only in an advisory capacity. Matt O'Keefe and Mike Welty plan to attend the meeting.

Possibility of additional Town Solar Power Installations: Brent Scott from the Recreation Commission attended our November meeting and explained that he is interested in helping the Town become carbon neutral. After the meeting he was shown details of what the Energy Commission has already done including quotes from Solar Power installers. Brent also met with the Select Board who referred him to the Energy Commission. It was noted that the Town owns approximately 650 acres of land with some restrictions for use. It was suggested that the Town Planner be invited to the January meeting to discuss restrictions and options for additional Town solar power beyond the Police Station installation. State regulations have recently changed (such as allowable size). It was agreed that we should see how the new regulations would impact a new installation before proceeding. Exeter is looking at a new solar power installation as well and we will monitor their progress.

Community Power Update: CPCNH rates starting February 1 will be established during December and will be made public in early January. The rate setting process will include a review by representatives of Member Towns. Joe Anderson is the designated authority for



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Stratham. The new rate will be lower than the Unitil supply default rate now set at 10.718 cents per KWH starting February 1. Stratham Community Power will start in March on the meter read date for each customer. All Stratham residents and small businesses will receive a letter in January including details for enrollment. The letter is being drafted by CPCNH and the Commission will request a preliminary copy for review. A required information meeting will follow on January 30 from 7 to 9 in the Municipal Center, room A. There will also be an article in the Stroll Magazine mailed to all residences in early February. Paul Deschaine will send two photos and a video to CPCNH illustrating Stratham Community Power.

Municipal Building Initiatives: Two HVAC units on the roof of the Municipal Center are scheduled for replacement in 2024. The Center currently has two types of HVAC units, Heat Pump and Propane Fired. The Energy Commission will assist the Public Works Department in selecting the most energy efficient units. There may be an opportunity to get some funding from NHSaves.

Energy Commission Annual Report: The Commission annual report has been submitted for inclusion in the 2023 Town Report.

Adjourn 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted - Charlie Case