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Accepted MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING Jan 9, 2024

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

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

December 12, 2023 minutes approved

Stratham Memorial School Construction Project Review Dec 20, 2023: Matt and Mike attended the meeting. The engineer and architect presented a preview of the SMS upgrade project. The scope and cost is not yet determined, but there are some upgrades that must be done such as replacement of the boiler. The SMS School Board plans to present project details for a vote in March 2025. The School Board has asked that a member of the Energy Commission serve as an advisor to the Project Committee.

Municipal Solar: The Town Planner will be invited to the February meeting to clarify limitations on possible Town owned sites for a new ground mount solar array that would reduce the Town's electricity cost. It was noted that there may be both Federal and State funding available for this project. State regulations such as the allowable solar array size have recently changed, The Energy Commission will see how these regulations affect new installations before proceeding,

Municipal Building Initiatives: The Town has planned a replacement of four HVAC Systems on the roof of the Municipal Center. Matt and Joe V will draft a proposal to the Town for the SEC to look at various energy efficient HVAC alternative technologies and suggest which technology could provide the lowest long term cost.

Community Power Update: Publicity for Stratham Community Power rollout - An article on Stratham Community Power will be included in the early February issue of the STROLL Magazine. Other plans include a poster and handouts displayed at the Municipal Center and the Library, also at SMS during voting on January 23. Joe A will attend a joint meeting of Stratham Homeowners Associations and Condo Associations.



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A letter will be mailed to all electric customers on January 22 explaining the Stratham Community Power rates and the start up process. The draft letter was reviewed and Charlie will contact Henry with comments. Each customer has the choice to join or not. People will be able to call a phone number and access a web site (live on January 22). Stratham Community Power rates are set to be lower than Unitil default rates as planned. The switch over to Stratham Community Power will happen during March 2024. Effective switch over for each customer will be their electric meter read date. An informational meeting on Stratham Community Power will be held on January 30 at 7 PM in Conference Room A in the Municipal Center.

The March Energy Commission meeting has been moved from March 12 to March 13 at 6 PM. The February meeting is unchanged and is on February 13.

Adjourn: 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted - Charlie Case