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MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING March 15, 2023

Meeting held at the Stratham Municipal Center

Commission Members:

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- Matthew O'Keefe
- Charlie Case
- Michael Welty
- Joe VanGombos
- Paul Deschaine
- Joe Anderson Select Board Member

All Present

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

- 1. Minutes from February 14, 2023 meeting were approved with corrections
- 2.Outreach: Continue submitting topics for the SB newsletter. Other existing places to provide information for the public include Parks and Recreation and Stratham Talks on Facebook.

Next is the "Button Up" presentation on April 20 6:30 at the Library including a short discussion on how to sign up for competitive supply from third party suppliers. There will be a flyer, hard copy & digital copy. We can use Exeter TV as well if we want. We plan to provide a description of this session for the next Select Board newsletter. Mike met with Scott from the Library and he will be our point person there. Clean Energy NH is another resource we could use.

Other future newsletter topics: NH Saves – rebate program, Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) tax incentives, municipal and residential solar power, Stratham Community Power, solar farms, and EV charging stations.

The SEC website needs to be updated. Karen is available to populate the SEC and EAC web sites. Use the SEC web site for all energy related information. The EAC web site will be just for agendas and minutes.

The Town Planner Mark Connors has raised energy related issues the Planning Board is discussing including Community Power. The Planning Board and the Energy Commission



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should collaborate on these issues. Charlie to reach out to Mark to inform him about our efforts on Community Power.

Joe VanGombos reached out to Nate Mears regarding the planned upgrade of the Police Station HVAC system. Use of heat pump technology is an efficient alternative.

Topics for future meetings - fuel aggregation and Inflation Reduction Act "Direct Pay" possibilities

Meeting Adjourned 6:50 PM

Next meeting will be April 11, 2023 at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted - Charlie Case