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MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday –Aug 13th, 2019

Meeting held at the Stratham Municipal Center

Committee Members:

- **Michael Ream**
- Matthew O’Keefe
- **Michael Gorman**
- **Charlie Case**
- **Michael Welty**

Guests / Visitors

- Stratham Police Chief Anthony King
- Resident Lestor Cuff
- Resident Joe Van Gombos

7:02 PM Call to order

- 1.) Approved Meeting minutes from June 11, 2019
- 2.) Solar Update at Stratham Police Station update – David Moore and Chief King are working with ReVision energy to finalize mitigation plan on snow runoff risk related to the current installation. Updates:
 - a. Chief King is now well informed on the history.
 - b. Chief King and Nate xxx (hwy dept) met with James Hasslebeck (GM of ReVision), to discuss the problem and path forward.
 - c. General Conclusion: best remedy are snow guards as proposed by ReVisioin. Cost per ReVision is \$6800. ReVision agreed to pay half the cost, given the agreement between both parties that this will be the final action ReVision will take to mitigate the problem (independent of future outcomes).
 - d. Chief King shared last 3 years Unutil usage, requested SEC to examine cost benefit of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). M Welty explained the PPA structure, where the current data and projected cost benefit are still favorable.
 - e. Town Attorney js reviewing the contract, and will make recommendations to the chief and the Town Administrator David Moore. Expect to see this in the next few weeks. Next steps will be agreed based on this recommendation.
- 3.) Clean Energy NH (CENH) / Seacoast Energy Hub
 - a. Defer topic until next month.
- 4.) Rockingham Planning Commission -
 - a. The RPC, on behalf on expressed interested RPC member communities, have issued a request for bid to Suppliers and Brokers. Bids will be opened for review on 11Sep.

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- b. SEC will evaluate the bids, and make a recommendation to the Town Manager. D Moore will evaluate the recommendation and present to the Select Board in the planned 9-23-19 Meeting for endorsement. A SEC member will attend the meeting to support D Moore.
- 5.) Remote Net Metering
 - a. Defer to next meeting
- 6.) New Business
 - a. Visitor Joe Van Gombos introduced himself. He is a Stratham Resident, and a Unitil energy employee as an efficiency coordinator. He expressed an interest in joining the SEC.
 - b. Visitor Les Cuff introduced himself. He is a Stratham Resident with a large solar installation and a self proclaimed solar advocate. Les presented this question to the SEC: how can we support our existing farms, and local businesses with Solar opportunities? Why isn't Solar included in the Town master plan? Les raised concern there is no reference to renewables in the Town master plan. Asked SEC if we were consulted by the Select Board for input. SEC was not consulted, per SEC chairman Mike Welty. No further action was

Adjourned 8:16 PM

Next Meeting Tuesday Sep 11th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Michael Gorman 8/13/19

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