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## MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING Tuesday –April 9th, 2019

### Meeting held at the Stratham Municipal Center

#### Committee Members:

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

#### 7:00 PM Call to order

- 1.) Approve Meeting minutes from March 12, 2019
- 2.) Update on Lighting Project
  - First in Unitil territory to convert LED
  - installed on 4/5.
  - 38 total fixtures throughout town.
  - 10 year warranty
  - pay net book value over 60 months through unitil bills so all lights now owned by town.
  - Exeter project is scheduled next.
- 3.) Gerry Holly –Aggregation vs Live Bid
  - Energy Auction House - Local Resident
  - fixed rate bid with Town accounts
  - brokerage firm to evaluate town pricing options vs Unitil rates.
  - could bundle all accounts or select a few.
  - Winnesquam is a current customer if a reference is needed.
- 4.) Henry Herndon - Clean Energy NH
  - member based organization, 400 individuals, 100 businesses, 16 towns and growing.
  - renewable and efficiency supported businesses
  - municipal members started in January
  - connecting various energy committees
  - policy work supporting how towns benefit through energy legislation
  - Host annual local energy solutions conference - largest offering to town committees

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- interest from energy committees in the seacoast are to build a regional "Hub"
  - model "ordinances" to utilize if needed
  - David asked if Henry could inquire about solar design professionals to investigate snow sheeting AND fire protection ordinances.
  - portfolio manager support for utility billing.
  - policy working groups on issues dealing with municipal energy issues, including potential to aggregate town buildings with residential power contracts
  - 2 passes for the annual conference in November.
- 5.) Rockingham Planning Commission - MOU
- MOU expires 12/31 and would start whenever accepted
  - RPC acts as broker for town and any other members in the RPC
  - terms offered by winning vendor chosen by 2/3 of RPC members
  - approved unanimously to join the RPC initiative.
  - David to discuss with SMS if interested.
  - Stratham already aggregates with county for heating oil and with the Lamprey Coop for municipal solid waste.
  - Lots of success from the same initiative in the Nashua region.
- 6.) Solar Update @ Stratham PD
- no updates

Adjourned 8:25

Next Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Matt O’Keefe 4/9/19

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