**TOWN OF SHELBURNE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD/COMMITTEE: SHELBURNE ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**DATE: September 7, 2023**

**LOCATION: This meeting was held on zoom**

**PURPOSE: Special committee meeting to discuss streetlights**

* **Call to Order:** 7:02 by Chairman Tom Johnson
* **Members present:** Tom Johnson, Pat Stevenson, George (Jeff) Boettner
* **Others Present:** Cynthia Boettner, Shelburne’s Energy Efficiency Advocate
* **Approve minutes of July 27, 2023, meeting**

The July 27, 2023 minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by George, seconded by Pat and the motion was unanimously approved.

* **Old Business:**
  + LED Street Light Update:
* George moved that we ask the Selectboard at their September 11 meeting to allocate $9,100 of ARPA funds for RealTerm Energy to undertake an audit of our streetlights in order to clearly establish what it will ultimately cost for a complete replacement of our present streetlights with LEDs. Motion seconded by Pat and passed unanimously.
* The Selectboard agenda for their September 11 meeting also includes the petition of town citizens that requests a Special Town Meeting. We discussed the proposed warrant article that was included in the petition and how it might lack the appropriate legal style. Tom suggested three possible new articles to be added to the warrant:
  + - Delay any further request until the Annual Town Meeting.
    - Should the Selectboard not agree to provide ARPA funding for the streetlight audit by RealTerm Energy, then request the town to provide $9,100 of Sustainability Funds for the audit.
    - Request that the town allocate up to $60,000 for RealTerm Energy to undertake a complete, turnkey service that includes the audit, our acquisition of the streetlights from Eversource, purchase and installation of new LEDs of the community's choosing and establishing a streetlight maintenance program. Funding could be derived from either Sustainability funds or through a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement.
    - Tom and George will confer with a local attorney to properly word the above articles in time for the Special Town Meeting.

**New Business:**

* Pat read an email from Rouwenna Altemose at All In Energy, who is returning from maternity leave to her role as coordinator with the Shelburne Community First Program, asking that we meet with her and Cynthia to reconnect and update on program issues. Cynthia will communicate with her and see if a meeting can be held in the week of September 24.

**Adjournment:** George moved to adjourn at 8:05 PM and Pat seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.