**Town of Shelburne Energy Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting held February 8, 2024**

**LOCATION: In person at Town Hall**

**PURPOSE: Special Meeting**

**Requested by: Tom Johnson, Chair, Town of Shelburne Energy Committee**

**—Members present:** Tom Johnson, Jeff Boettner, Phil Bragdon, and Pat Stevenson

**1. Call to order:** Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**2. New business:**

Tom Johnson,requested this special meeting to discuss possible application for a grant from Empower Massachusetts. The deadline for grant applications is early April.

Tom discussed the need to develop a multi-year plan for reduction of carbon emissions in Shelburne and recommended reaching out to several sources for assistance, for example the U Mass Extension Service, a private consultant company, and a graduate student in the U Mass Amherst School of Earth and Sustainability as a dissertation project.

Some concerns expressed about developing such a plan included:

—lack of appropriate records regarding energy usage e.g. the police building

 has no energy usage records.

—information regarding electricity substations reaching capacity.

Tom further stated that other grant monies may be out there besides the Empower

Massachusetts grant money and we should be looking into those possibilities.

Jeff agreed to contact Dwayne Breger, Director, Clean Energy Extension at UMass

for advice on how to proceed and Tom agreed to communicate with the Director of the School of Earth and Sustainability for possible graduate student participation.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 at Town Hall

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Phil, seconded by Pat and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.