**Town of Shelburne Energy Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting held Thursday, March 21, 2024**

**LOCATION: In person at Town Hall**

**PURPOSE: Monthly Committee meeting**

**Members present: Tom Johnson, Pat Stevenson, Jeff Boettner,**

 **Phil Bragdon**

**Others present: Cynthia Boettner, Cyndee Fand, Energy Efficiency Advocates**

 **Andrew Baker, Selectboard Liaison**

**1. Call to order:** Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held 2/22/24 were reviewed.

A motion to approve with minor edits was made by Jeff Boettner, seconded by

Phil Bragdon and approved unanimously.

**3. Old Business:**

**Mass Save Community First**

**Update:**

Cyndee Fand reported that she had spoken with Revise and learned that 2024 updates

to the Mass Save Program will be rolled out soon. These include:

 —changes to moderate, low income, and fuel assistance programs

 --Revise can now do low-income assessments

 —updated material will be provided prior to Energy Fair on 4/27/24

 —Mass Save program will be simplified

 —training on 4/24/24 with AIE will layout next 3 years and possibly

 join with other communities to make process more regional.

**Energy Fair Agenda:**

Cyndee Fand presented the proposed plan that she put together for the upcoming Energy Fair on 4/27/24 to be held at the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School. Included in her plan was the schedule for the day, jobs for Energy Committee members, and a proposed budget. She also requested name tags for Energy Committee members who will be present for this event. Tom suggested that the flyer she developed for this event be posted on the Town of Shelburne website as well as on Facebook.

Tom proposed a budget of $500 to cover the expenses for this event. On a motion by Jeff, seconded by Pat this amount was approved unanimously. Tom encouraged Cyndee to save all receipts for expenditures and he will ask Terry Narkiewicz for the amount up front.

There was further discussion on getting MTRSD students involved in this event and the name of Ollie Mae Perrault, a local student climate activist, came up. Cyndee and Pat agreed to look into this to see if she would be available to speak at our event.

Tom agreed to contact Fana Tusinski an HVAC installer to do a presentation on maintenance issues regarding heat pumps and Phil offered to contact some solar company installers to be present as well.

**Solar on town pole barn update**

Tom reported that John Walsh and Terry Narkiewicz are working on an RFP

with FRCOG.

**LED streetlights update**

Jeff Boettner from LED Streetlight committee reported the following:

 —Real Term Energy proposal is due in April and lights have been selected

 —An inventory showed 94 lights needed replacement

 —Maintenance of these lights were likely going to be an issue with town

 Finance Committee

 —Jeff will be giving a presentation 4/17/24 at the Shelburne/Buckland

 Community Center to discuss/compare the Eversource and Streetlight

 Committee proposals

 --The street light committee will prepare a warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, identifying the financial plan for Town acquisition of the streetlights from Eversource, the LED lights to be purchased, who will install them, and who will maintain them,

**Committee Membership**

Tom Johnson reported that effective 6/30/24 he is stepping down as a member and

chairperson of the Town of Shelburne Energy Committee.

**4. New Business:**

**Announcements**

There was a brief discussion about issues related to third party electricity providers and the need to make residents aware of this issue at the Energy Fair. Tom noted that the town needs to develop an energy reduction plan that will reduce carbon emissions in all municipal buildings in town.

**Public Comments**

All committee members thanked Tom Johnson for the work he has done to make our town carbon free. He will be missed.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7 PM at Town Hall

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jeff, seconded by Phil, and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.