**Town of Shelburne Energy Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of Meeting held Thursday, April 18, 2024**

**LOCATION: In person at Town Hall**

**PURPOSE: Monthly committee meeting**

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

**Others present: Cyndee Fand, Cynthia Boettner, and guests Todd Allen**

 **and Andrew Baker**

**1. Call to order:** Tom Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held 3/21/24 were reviewed. A motion to approve with minor edits was made by Jeff, seconded by Tom and approved unanimously.

3. **Old Business:**

**Mass Save Community First**

**Update:**

Cyndee Fand passed out a flyer regarding home energy assessments that would be included with town tax bills. She and Cynthia Boettner also presented an income chart for Mass Save categories but changes in these amounts may be coming.

**Energy Fair:**

Cyndee Fand passed out materials she had created for the upcoming Energy Fair at BSE on 4/27/24. She noted that along with vendors who will be present at this fair,

presentations will be given by Sasha Kracauer of Youth Climate Action Now and Lynn Benander will give a talk about solar options and how to avoid scammers within this field. Other town Energy Committee representatives that will be present at this event include Buckland and Ashfield. Cyndee is also planning to contact more heat pump vendors.

Total amount spent on materials thus far created for the Energy Fair was $285.56. On a motion by Jeff, seconded by Pat this amount was approved along with an increase if necessary for further marketing materials. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Solar on town pole barn update:**

An RFP prepared by John Walsh, Terry, and FRCOG has been sent out and bids have not yet been received or evaluated.

**LED streetlights update:**

We had a successful meeting at Arms Library on April 17 with over 30 people in attendance. Cooper lights (2200 Kelvin) and Dimulators (which reduce light by 30 - 50%0 have been selected for the town by the Streetlight Committee. RTE completed photometric designs for all the town streetlights. We are waiting for the final totals for cost estimates from RETE, which should arrive any day.

**Committee membership:**

Tom Johnson introduced Todd Allen who attended the meeting tonight as he is interested in joining the Energy Committee. Tom also mentioned that Robin Logan has expressed interest in joining the committee.

**4. New Business:**

**META grant:**

Tom Johnson reported that he and Tricia Yacovone-Biagi had written a proposal for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance (META) grant that has been funded by Green Communities. The $15,000 grant will fund the energy consultant company, Weston and Sampson, based in Reading, MA, to evaluate and recommend improvements to be made to Cowell Gym and Memorial Hall to optimize their energy efficiency. They will consider the possibility of installing solar panels on the gym roof and upgrading the HVAC system in Memorial Hall.

**Announcements:**

There were none.

**5. Public comments:**

There were none.

**Next meeting:** May 16, 2024 at 7 PM at Town Hall

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Jeff, seconded by Tom, and approved unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.