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Energy Task Force Minutes — Special Meeting May 30, 2023

Members present: Kevin Girard (RTM), Mary Childs (RTM), David Peabody (BOF), Greg Attanasio (BOS), Ivan Kuvalanka (elector), Ursula Moreshead (elector)

Members absent: Chris Jones (BoE),

Also present: Eversource representatives: Theresa Jackman and Jordan Shellins

- 1., 2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** With a quorum established, the meeting of the Energy Task Force (ETF) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kevin Girard.
3. **Public Comments:** there were no public comments
4. **Approval of 4/10/23 meeting minutes:** Motion by Peabody, second by Moreshead to approve the 4/10/2023 minutes as presented. Voice vote: passed, (Attanasio abstained)
5. **Review and discussion of stated charge:** group discussed take aways from our past 7 meetings as well as possible action steps:
 - Evaluate the option for town wide solar including options for High School, The Friendship School, Town Hall roof areas as well as parking lot areas
 - Electric Vehicle charging stations (schools, library, community center, beaches, private shopping centers, Town Hall,
 - Connect to other towns who have taken steps to be more energy efficient
 - Potentially revise planning standards to require energy efficient savings as expected in proposals
 - Facilitate a bridge between current fleet to more EV/Hydrogen based vehicles
 - Incorporate energy reduction measures with the replacement of HVAC systems at the Library, CLMS, Emergency Management buildings
 - Public Works department continue and increase its process for identifying infiltration of water and addressing excess
 - Co-Op Public Utilities and Public Works collaboration to realize efficiencies
 - Research opportunities for residents to develop solar fields on private property
 - Capture methane from landfill
 - Research glass recycling
 - Promote public messaging for energy efficiencies

- Look into and potentially create our own public utility
- Require route efficiencies by town vehicles
- Incorporate computerize building systems for adjustments in heating, cooling, and lighting
- Replace all lighting with LED in town buildings
- Commission energy audit
- Requirement for all town department budgets to highlight energy efficiencies to be tracked annually

The Task Force discussed options for next steps with Theresa Jackman and Jordan Shellins. Discussed beginning the process for benchmarking our current status. Additionally we would like to get an independent energy audit.

6. New Business: Group discussion on next steps:

Motion made by Peabody, seconded by Kuvalanka to draft an update in report form for the RTM, Motion carried (5-0-1) (Attanasio abstained)

7. Adjournment: Motion made by Peabody, seconded by Moreshead, Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Submitted by Mary Childs, ETF Secretary