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Energy Task Force Minutes — Special Meeting March 20, 2023

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

Members absent: Chris Jones (BoE),

Also present: Superintendent of Schools Tom Giard III, Board of Education Finance Director Joe Mancini,

1., 2. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** With a quorum established, the meeting of the Energy Task Force (ETF) was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Kevin Girard.

3. **Public Comments:** No public comments

4. **Approval of 3/20/23 meeting minutes:** Motion by Childs, second by Kuvalanka to approve the 3/20/2023 minutes as presented. Voice vote: passed, Peabody abstained,

5. **Review and discussion of stated charge:** Group discussed current energy from the perspective of Waterford Board of Education Superintendent Tom Giard and Finance Director Joe Mancini. Recap of current energy efficient buildings with LEED certification, four out of the five schools rely on geothermal with high efficiency ratings, building automated services adjusts energy use during overnight hours and throughout the day, boilers at CLMS use natural gas which will extend the life of the boilers.

Energy efficiency project with Eversource updated all lighting, VFDs, and hot water heaters, in the schools. Over a 48 month period, with a cost of \$242K per year, cost will be offset in the year 2024. Have looked into solar and would need to sign an MOU in conjunction with the town however there are fewer state incentives. Possible locations discussed.

CLMS will need a new HVAC system within 8-10 years.

6. **New Business:** Group discussion on next steps:

Research the process and timeline for a Town energy audit, committee members will review notes and identify ten possible areas to support energy reduction in the town. Next meeting will be held at 7:00pm instead of 5:00pm.

7. Adjournment: Motion made by Peabody, seconded by Kuvalanka, Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

Submitted by Mary Childs, ETF Secretary