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Energy Task Force Minutes — Special Meeting January 23, 2023

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

Members absent: Jody Nazarchyk (BoS), Chris Jones (BoE), representative (BoF)

Also present: First Selectman: Rob Brule, Planning Director: John Mullins

- 1., **2. Call to Order/Roll Call:** With a quorum established, the meeting of the Energy Task Force (ETF) was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Kevin Girard.
3. **Public Comments:** No public comments
4. **Approval of 12/12/22 meeting minutes:** Motion by Moreshead, second by Kuvalanka to approve the 12/12/2022 minutes as presented. Voice vote: unanimous
5. **Review and discussion of stated charge:** Group discussed current energy from the perspective of Waterford First Selectman, Rob Brule. Focus is on the macro level and in keeping Millstone open and viable. Working to help get spent fuel cells removed. In terms of wind power, collaborating with the New London Mayor. Looking into potential for EV charging stations around town. Utilize usage data from prior installations to determine the best place to locate them in Waterford such as places to visit or shop, at each school, parks or library. Solar equipment lifetime requires a replacement strategy added to capital planning. Discussion regarding updating the fleet to EV systematically. Questions around incentives for residents were raised.

In looking over the POCD currently being conducted, John Mullins will consider new developments with the focus on energy efficiency. This task force would like to be notified of big projects ahead of time for our representatives to discuss to not only make progress on Town buildings but to consider what can be done to facilitate efficiencies for residents. Question raised around the possibility for Planning and Zoning to consider changes to the regulations to allow for solar fields by private residents.
6. **New Business:** Group consensus on next steps: invite BOE Maintenance and possibly BoE Finance to share areas for energy saving/planning; invite Town Planning Director to future meeting to discuss recent or need for new energy audit and Town energy plan; Next ETF meeting is scheduled for 2/21/23 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment: Motion made by Moreshead, seconded by Kuvalanka, Vote unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Submitted by Mary Childs, ETF Secretary