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Energy Task Force Minutes — Special Meeting December 12, 2022

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

Members absent: Chris Jones (BoE), vacancy (BoF)

Also present: Director of Utility Commission: Jim Bartelli

- 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:** Kevin Girard shared details from a phone call from a resident, Jim Celentano looking to bring in programs to help residents tie into energy efficiencies.
4. **Review and discussion of stated charge:** Group discussed current energy use and the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan from the perspective of Waterford Utility Commission (W. U. C.). Jim Bartelli shared that keeping costs manageable has been a primary focus and that maintenance and updates completed by W. U. C. has greatly reduced operating costs. The current tiered rate system encourages water use reduction. Aim to complete cooperative construction projects within the Town in order to keep costs down. Capital plan is instrumental in reducing energy use and overall costs. Federal funds were utilized to put Fargo Water Tank and Old Norwich Road projects in the bid process. An upcoming project is the HVAC system at the Evergreen site. Grinders are being replaced with newer designs being far more efficient. 4 will be replaced.
5. **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 discuss audits and plan; ask BoF to fill the vacant elector position on this task force. Next ETF meeting is scheduled for 1/23/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of 11/10/22 meeting minutes: Motion by Nazarchyk, second by Kuvalanka to approve the 11/10/2022 minutes as presented. Voice vote: 4 in favor, Moreshead abstained, motion passed

6. **Adjournment:** Motion by Nazarchyk, second by Kuvalanka to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Voice vote: Unanimous

Submitted by Mary Childs, ETF Secretary