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Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes 5/11/2020

Present: Greg Ames, Bob Babcock, Elena Cahill, Marshall Cox, Bill Horne, Sharon Huttner, Shirley McCarthy

Guests: Jamie Cosgrove, Donna Laich, Dan Rabin, Mike Cohen, James Killelea

1. The minutes of 4/27/2020 were approved; motion by Bob Babcock, second Bill Horne; unanimously approved.
2. Greg Ames: Buildings- process of approval from concept and beyond, long-term planning of energy efficiency and renewables for the entire municipal building portfolio. How do we move forward from where we are? Town has a 29% savings in energy which is good. Jamie Cosgrove suggested more interaction with the Public Building Commission. We need early engagement of the Clean Energy committee with the animal shelter; a letter to Jamie Cosgrove would help.
3. Elena Cahill thought that the town should have short, medium, and long-term goals with milestones and measurements and that the town needs to hire someone to implement them. Jamie Cosgrove thought that clear actionable energy efficiency goals that are well known across the organization is the key to success.
4. Jamie mentioned that the sustainability position has applicants and that they are being interviewed. He should be able to make an offer soon.
5. Jamie Cosgrove sees the energy plan as a guiding document with actionable items enabling the administration to move forward.
6. Jamie Cosgrove said evaluating projects with environmental impacts are important, but the financial impact is typically the real question required to gain actual support in the approval process. The town does not want to own and operate a solar array; Jamie is open to more solar but not owning it. There are 14 acres adjacent to the land fill that could be utilized.
7. Jamie Cosgrove said the energy plan would typically be approved by the Board of Selectmen.
8. The meeting was unanimously adjourned; motion by Bill Horne, seconded by Bob Babcock.