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Minutes Solar Committee Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Committee members attending via Zoom video conference: Brendan Denehy, Kelly Seeley, Maria Bechis, Patty Smith, Jacob Solon, Joel Shaklee.
Also present: Tad Putney.

7:17pm Brendan opened the meeting. He said we are meeting electronically under Executive Order 2020-04 and Emergency Meeting Orders #12 and #23, which allow for remote meetings. Committee members all stated they were social distancing, some with others present in their homes, but not in the room.

Introductions

All committee members introduced themselves.

Election of Chair

Brendan Denehy was unanimously elect committee chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

Patty Smith was unanimously elected vice-chair.

Election of Secretary

Jacob Solon was unanimously elected secretary. Tad asked that Jacob should forward him meeting agendas at least 24 hours prior to each meeting for posting, as well as minutes after they have been approved.

Review of Committee Charter/General Discussion

Brendan asked **Tad** to review the charter. **Kelly** suggested the committee invite **Dick Henry** of Hollis to come meet with the committee to share his expertise. She said he has been a key resource on the research and installation of solar at the two Hollis elementary schools. **Maria** said she would like to research solar projects at other NH municipalities. **Maria** also noted the Office of Strategic Initiatives has a lot of information on renewable initiatives. **Joel** said he works as a systems engineer and he would like to help the committee narrow down options that are identified to assist with decision making. **Joel** asked about our scope in terms of dollars to spend. **Brendan** said nothing has been set, but that the Selectboard will want to look at return on investment and other considerations. **Jacob** said he would like to look at potential incentive programs to make sure we are aware of the timing of any that may be expiring. It was suggested that **Dick Henry** will also be a great resource on incentive programs for municipalities and schools.

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Joel asked if **Tad** could send a list of town buildings to the committee members. He said yes. **Jacob** asked if the committee could get information on annual electricity usage at each town facility. **Tad** said he would pull the information together. **Brendan** noted that there is a possibility that we will want to pursue a phased approach. In that event, he noted we would want to include the information in the 6-year Capital Improvements Plan for planning purposes. **Joel** noted he had spoken with a member of the fire department about solar installations and it is important to include sufficient space around the perimeter of the roof surface and peak to allow firefighters to walk on the roof in the event roof access is needed. It was agreed this feature is important and can be worked into the design phase of an installation.

Scheduling Next Meeting

Members agreed that July 22 and 29 were available for the next meeting, beginning at 7:15pm. **Kelly** will contact **Dick Henry** to see if he is available for either date. If so, that date will serve as the committee's next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting will be via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.