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**TOWN OF
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ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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**Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2022**

Committee members present at the meeting: Brendan Denehy, Jan Reimers, Tracy Perry and Scott Butcher.

Brendan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

Jan moved to accept the minutes from the September 21st meeting. **Tracy** seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Discussion of Town Hall furnace installation

Scott updated the committee on the installation of the new propane furnace by Absolute Mechanical Systems. The existing 250 gal. propane tank was replaced with a 1000 gal. underground tank serving both the generator and new furnace. The 40 gal. indirect hot water heater was also installed, and the old oil furnace removed. The oil tanks still remain and are about 60% full. The old oil tanks will be removed at a later date.

Brendan stated that the Selectboard decided to pay for all of this out of the ARPA funds.

Review of Solar and HVAC projects

Brendan reviewed the latest proposal from EEI for the solar panel projects for the Fire Department and Safety Complex. He said the new estimate from Keith Mc Brien at EEI is now much higher than the previous proposal. He said that the Selectboard had also allocated ARPA funds for solar based on the previous numbers and that would have to be revisited. There was discussion about the changes in the specifications as well with the new proposed solar panels producing less electricity than the original proposal.

The discussion shifted to the HVAC project at the Town Hall. **Brendan** said the Selectboard had allocated ARPA funds for this project as well. There was discussion between **Jan**, **Tracy**, and **Brendan** about VRF solutions being too expensive and that sticking with traditional heat pumps seemed more cost effective. **Brendan** said because of the dollar value of the project there would have to be a more formal bid process per the

Town's purchasing policy and suggested that **Scott** could develop a Request for Proposal document to solicit bids.

Report to Selectboard

Brendan asked what should be included in the Committee's report to the Selectboard. The discussion focused on getting information on existing solar projects in the area including the schools. Hollis can provide some real-world data on the success of their solar installations at the schools. **Brendan** will also check with Keith McBrien on the status of the Library LED lighting project to include in the report.

Brendan asked what the date should be for the next meeting should be. After some discussion some dates to be considered are November 29th or 30th.

Brendan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm. It was seconded by **Jan**. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes submitted by Scott Butcher.