Wilmington Energy Committee (WEC) Minutes

Time and Location: 3:00, July 16, 2024, at 2 East Main Street due to Zoom meeting required

Members in attendance and constituting a quorum were: Bob Bois, Jessica Roberts, Scott Moore, Keith Johnson, and

Marshall Dix

Members Absent: Matthew Cole

Others Present: Gary Carver, Julian Leon (via Zoom)

Proceedings:

• Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by Chairperson Bois. No public comments. No additions to the agenda. One agenda item (Zoom guest, Leon) moved to the front of the agenda. Noted that Carver was expected to be appointed as the final (7th) WEC board member that evening at 6:00 by the Select Board.

Minutes approved:

May 21, 2024, motioned by Roberts, seconded by Johnson June 18, 2024, motioned by Johnson, seconded by Moore

- Guest Leon gave an overview of the VEEP program and answered questions from the board. Ideas on how to promote the event, scheduled for Sept. 19, 2024, were discussed. "Home Electrification" will be the topic with a focus on home solar and heat pumps. Bois discussed some state roadblocks to solar. A new rain date was chosen on Sept. 26, 2024, if needed, motioned by Dix, seconded by Roberts. Roberts will start an email chain for the promotion of this event, and Leon will send the proposed slides presentation for WEC comment. Roberts will research online ways to set up the RSVP option Leon recommends, and a call was put out for a poster. No one volunteered, but Roberts may have a source to try.
- Chief Moore was suddenly called out due to his emergency radio, so Bois summed up the Roof Warranty and Solar Project discussion that Moore had planned to present; that will be updated in the next WEC meeting. Bois and Dix recommended setting timelines and proposed budgets for that in October when the Town Budget review is started. Bois will review the new VT "Solar for All" and give an update whether the Town or the townspeople can access this new program yet.
- Bois led the Energy Action Plan discussion but due to time constraints, it was tabled until the next meeting.
- There was also no time to discuss the MERP audits, but Roberts was tasked with asking Margo Ghia from Winham Regional Planning Commission if new audits are coming due to complaints on the previous ones.
- Next month's meeting will be back at the normal location, the Firehouse, on the 3rd Tuesday at 3:00. Dix motioned for adjournment, seconded by Johnson, and passed without dissent at 4.05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jessica Roberts