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The meeting commenced at 6:32pm with Carol Schutte, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary and Shawn Hanson, as members attending. Alan Ganz, prospective member, arrived shortly thereafter. Scott Bieber, member, and Justin Braley, prospective member, were not in attendance.

The minutes from October 2023 were accepted as written upon a motion by S. Hanson, C. Schutte seconded and B. Mutrie concurred.

S. Bieber's presentation to the Board of Selectmen was well received. The Energy Committee discussed whether a Warrant Article or Federal ARPA funds could be used for funding the project at the Public Safety Building. Both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief were in favor of making the heating and cooling systems more user friendly and efficient.

Unitil has been doing 'energy audits' of all three public buildings to determine what the parameters are for giving future rebates to be the most beneficial for the dollars spent. C. Schutte will ask Unitil about receiving a report.

Are motion lights that the Town Hall has useful or do they cost more for the 'demand charge' category which means an extra cost every time they turn on?

C. Schutte was glad to meet with the Junior High Science teacher to discuss ways to have the students learn about energy efficiency and the LAS electricity bills. The Energy Committee would help mentor the students.

The Energy Committee is interested in having a program at the Library this spring. B. Mutrie again suggested the "Button Up" program from Yankee Thermal Imaging given by Ted Stiles. The program is free and covers a wide range of energy efficiency topics. S. Hanson will contact him to see if May 22 is feasible.

K. Anderson will be providing to the Energy Committee the missing energy cost data from the Town Hall and Public Safety Building. B. Mutrie will get more data from the Library. C. Schutte will write up an article for the Newsletter and the Town Report based on the Committee's activity to date.

A. Ganz handed out a New York Times article about Stratham joining the CPCNH (Electricity Aggregation non-profit manager). S. Hanson mentioned an article in the NY Times about the difficulty of getting tax credits from the IRS for heat pumps. There is a possibility of an \$8K max rebate next year which might be run by the state of NH. He will send further information to digest. A. Ganz will share information he finds on new energy legislation with Karen Anderson, Town Administrator, too.

Recently Stratham voted to join CPCNH (a power collective) according to a Seacoast.online.com article. C. Schutte invited A. Ganz to join herself and Bill Perkins on the Electricity Aggregation Committee which is meeting Dec. 27, 2023 at 10 am. A. Ganz will have to get approved by the BOS and then sworn in to become a voting member of the Energy Committee and/or the Aggregation Committee. They will be researching the best way to implement a town wide electricity rate reduction that would also produce extra funds for energy saving projects in

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Hampton Falls. For more information, there is a video tape of Alan from CPCNH at <https://www.hamptonfalls.org/electricity-aggregation-committee>

The Energy Committee decided to cancel the December meeting to meet only if anything urgent comes up.

The Energy Committee adjourned at 7:20pm upon a motion by B. Mutrie, seconded by S. Hanson and all agreed.