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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Energy Committee

Note: Due to an unexpected disruption during the meeting, which included inappropriate and unlawful behavior by external individuals, the session was immediately terminated by the Town's Operation Coordinator, who was running the meeting, to ensure the safety and security of all participants. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm. Steps have been taken to address the incident, and the Town has developed a procedure to make sure this won't happen again.

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2024 at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

Members Present: Andrea Bacchi (chair), Bill Christian, and Wayn Goodman. Also present was Operations Coordinator, Jen Holley.

1. Call to Order (1 minute)

The meeting came to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement (1 minute)

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes (2 minutes)

Mr. Goodman moved to approve the minutes of the October 1 meeting. Mr. Christian seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-0.

4. Public Comment (5 minutes)

There were none.

5. Committee Goals (30 minutes)

a. EV Charging Station Discussion Updates for Select Board

Ms. Bacchi said the Select Board has asked for updates. Mr. Goodman said he'd reached out to folks from Bennington and North Bennington with experience in the matter. Failing a response from them, he would suggest reaching out to 3rd party private vendors for their suggestions. He said he can't imagine the Town wanting to own or be responsible for maintaining EV charging stations. Mr. Christian said 1) he wasn't sure what each level would cost and therefore which level should be chosen and 2) where one would park where it would be convenient to stay while the vehicle is charging. He said the school made some sense. Ms. Bacchi said the Town has begun to consider purchasing the old medical center for town offices and some community functions. It might be a good place for charging stations. Ms. Bacchi asked for a list of vendors. Mr. Goodman suggested reaching out to Efficiency Vermont.

He will reach out to them if he doesn't hear from his Bennington contacts meanwhile.

b. Shaftsbury Medical Office Building Discussion

Ms. Bacchi reported the Town is considering purchasing this facility. It's in a great location and has many positive features. Ms. Bacchi suggested doing an energy walk-through of the structure to see whether there are any things that should be brought up before the building is purchased. Mr. Christian said he is glad to do a walk through any time. Mr. Goodman said he'd be glad to do a walk through, but equally he thinks it is extremely important to coordinate with the realtor/seller to have the Heat Squad do a review of the structure. They could quantify the review on paper in a way he and Mr. Christian might not be able to. Ms. Bacchi said she'd be glad to reach out to the director of the Heat Squad.

6. Other Business (10 minutes)

7. Review of Action Items (2 minutes)

8. Adjournment