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Town of Boscawen
ENERGY COMMITTEE
Boscawen Municipal Complex
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 14, 2021 5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Edward J. Cherian Jr— Chair.; Charles Niebling— Vice Chair; Scott Maltzie PHD; Gary Tillman

Excused: Nate Preisendorfer; Paul Dickey

Staff: Kellee Jo Easler— Planning and Community Development Director; Crystal Tuttle— Planning and Community Development Clerk & Recording Secretary

Chair Cherian opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Vice Chair Niebling motioned to accept the draft minutes as written. Dr. Maltzie seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

The Committee reviewed the redline comments made to the Master Plan-Energy Chapter. Chair Cherian stated these changes would be recommendations to the Planning Board. Dr. Maltzie recommended that the document be careful with its wording. Chair Cherian and Vice Chair Niebling agree that the term energy and electricity need more distinction. Also agreed is that the information pertaining to data collected needs to be updated as well. A discussion was had about renewable heating and cooling systems. Dr. Maltzie recommended removing the waste water section, as this does not pertain to energy. Chair Cherian stated that the definitions are based mostly on wind power, so these may want to be looked at. Director Easler recommended inviting Matt Monahan from CNHRPC to the next meeting.

Work will continue on the Renewable Energy Systems Ordinance, as this will not be presented at Town Meeting until 2023. The Master Plan is a rolling document. Chair Cherian commented that the requirement for decommission of a structure in 90 days is unrealistic. He also questioned why this was required for only energy systems, when other structures can be just as obnoxious. Chair Cherian recommended this section be removed entirely. Vice Chair Niebling stated that the wood boiler section is obsolete, and he has sent an email to Josh Singer from Clean Energy NH to send any updated model ordinances for review. Chair Cherian wanted to know where the surface numbers for solar came from, as these change rapidly. This discussion will be continued to next month.

Chair Cherian suggested taking energy field trips to locations such as Briar Hydro, a solar and wind farm, and Merrimack County to see their dry chip facility.

Next meeting is January 10, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Vice Chair Niebling motioned to adjourn. Mr. Tillman seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

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