**Draft Minutes**

**Town of Brookline Energy Committee (EC)**

**October 6, 2023 Meeting**

Members Present

**Committee members**: Somara Zwick, Daniel Schoener, Jonathan Ballou,

● Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was brought to order at 4:06pm

Recording clerk: Jon Ballou

● Review Draft Minutes from September 8, 2023

The date of todays meeting was incorrectly noted as October 8th, not October 6th.

● Status of MERP Grant.

 Assessments have been approved for the Town Office and Day Care Centre. The request for the Meeting House has not been approved yet.

 SZ is to contact Margo Gia to get an expected time for the assessments of the Day Care and Town Office;

 And to determine how we might advance MERP’s consideration of also including the Meeting House;

 To make sure that the assessments include factors that the Town wants the MERP grant to cover, we need to make sure that we can communicate to the assessors those wants.

 If the Town does get approval to include the Meeting House in the MERP Grant, the Town should have a clear idea of what the priority energy needs of the Meeting House are.

 The Energy Committee will work with the Meeting House committee to understand the highest priority energy needs for the Meeting House.

It might be useful to communicate with those working on the MERP in neighboring Towns. SZ to introduce, via email, members of the EC to Margo Gia. DS will do the same with the Townshend people.

Wardsboro will have their MERP assessment done soon. Would be nice to find out from them how it went. SZ will follow-up.

SZ: There are a several groups working on the Town’s various projects. The Planning Committee is working on an over-arching plan and will need to work with the various other committees in developing a Town Vision. The Town Planning Committee is planning for a brainstorming meeting On November 11th, 9 – 11am. SZ is on the Planning Committee.

In relation to this, the EC discussed the need for an Energy Efficiency Vision for the Town, and although the EC was initially established to manage the MERP needs of the Town, perhaps the EC can also assist in developing this Vision.

In discussing this, we identified a number of questions:

We talked about how to find out what kind of energy use profile the Town has. What % of energy used in renewable? What facilities in Town use the most energy? How to measure energy use in a region to determine changes (improvements) over time?

EC Members Assignment is to come to the next EC meeting with some statements on what a Town Energy Vision would include.

Next meeting November 3rd, 4pm, at the home of SZ.

Adjourned 4:46.