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TOWNSEND ENERGY COMMITTEE

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APRIL 30, 2015

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SELECTMEN'S CHAMBERS - MEMORIAL HALL

7 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call the meeting to order:** Chairman Michael Brown opened the meeting at 7:11pm. Present were Michael Brown (MB), Ed Hermann (EH), Brent Carney (BC) and Kathy Thompson (KT). Also present was staff support Karen Chapman (KC).
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes: 3/19/15:** BC moved to accept the minutes of 3/19/15 as written. EH seconded, with all in favor.
3. **Update on Energy Conservation Measures:** Outdoor lights at the library may be completed, Mark having a difficult time contacting the contractor. KC met with Water Commissioners on 4/14/15 to discuss the purchase of a hybrid vehicle to replace their 2007 Ford F-150. The Green Communities grant monies can be used for the difference between a regular vehicle and a hybrid vehicle. The Commissioners voted to purchase a 2015 Ford Fusion SE Hybrid. Because the vehicle is on the capital plan for FY16, the Department cannot pay for the vehicle until after July 1st. We need to spend our money before June 30th so we could pay the deposit to have delivery after July 1st. Paul has it on his list of things to do.
4. **Update on adding Spaulding and Hawthorne Brook schools to baseline:** Having problems uploading the data for the schools that Unitil gave us so KC needs to contact Peregrine for assistance. No update from Guardian yet on their work with Oscar Hills, Facilities Manager.
5. **Discuss Unitil Electric Rates:** Do we want to lobby for lower electric rates and why the rates are so high? What is our role to raise the issue? Bring it up to the Selectmen to write a letter to Unitil or appropriate State representative. Unitil reduced rates in NH by 55%. Put together some of the facts and send a memo

asking to meet with Selectmen. Members will research info for the letter. BC will talk to Colin McNabb and find out if he wants something more formal. EH will put together some facts.

6. Discuss newspaper article re: Lunenburg solar limit reached

Issue with the ability of the infrastructure to support the additions to the grid of solar power. Why is Unitil not working to change this? Send a letter to the state reps about this article. BC will draft a letter.

7. Topics not reasonably expected by the chair 48 hours before the meeting: none.

8. Schedule Next Meeting: May 28, 2015

9. Adjourn: EH moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. BC seconded with all in favor.

Minutes taken by Karen Chapman

All materials used for this meeting can be found in the Land Use Office.