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Attending at 6:35 pm were Carol Schutte, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Shawn Hanson and Scott Bieber, members. Guest: Alan Ganz. Absent: Justin Braley, prospective member.

There was a general discussion of times best to meet; 8 am might be a better solution. Introductions were made to Alan and vice versa.

The Secretary's minutes from September 2023 were approved as written upon a motion by C. Schutte, seconded by S. Bieber and the others agreed.

The Public Safety Building proposal is for every room in the building to have its own mini-split head and controls. There would be 10 mini-split heat pump heads with two condensers as recommended by Kearny HVAC for \$81K. The Energy Committee did look at a URF system, which is more a commercial system that can heat and cool various heads at the same time, but that is a 150% more expensive. Is there an option for wall thermostats if needed? There can be flush heads in the ceiling of some smaller rooms. Warranty for the Mitsubishi units is 12 years with life expectancy of 20 years.

The Energy Committee will contact a firm that can do an RFP spec sheet and get a cost estimate. S. Bieber will contact Karen Anderson, Town Administrator, and ask for her input as to the next steps. She will also have to get 2 more bids if the BOS decides they want to go forward. Jay Lord, Fire Chief and Police Chief Venio, should also be present when the BOS discusses the proposed system. It is getting close to budget and warrant article deadline.

S. Bieber also received a comparison spreadsheet from Mitsubishi with the possible yearly savings by using the heat pump system vs using propane to help determine payback period.

B. Mutrie reported that the Library will have a representative from Anchor Insulation company through AECOM, who was hired by Unitil to "deliver comprehensive solutions... rethinking how, where and when energy is consumed" come to the Library Thursday morning at 10. All three town buildings will have an energy audit done on November 14 and 15, 2023 by a different firm but through Unitil (NH Saves).

Lincoln Ackerman School has not yet responded to C. Schutte's inquiry about helping students.

C. Schutte attended a zoom meeting regarding Direct Pay/Elective Pay for municipalities. She will share the slides.

C. Schutte reported that the Aggregation Committee for Community Power has one member so far...herself. Several others have expressed some interest who will have to register with the PUC and get the Energy Committee's data together. C. Schutte leans in favor of a non-profit company to be the supplier of electricity at a lower rate town wide.

A. Ganz found a possible grant available and will send the information to B. Mutrie for dispersal.

S. Bieber motioned to adjourn at 7:43 pm with S. Hanson seconded. All voted "Aye".