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Attending at 6:33 were Carol Schutte, Chair, Beverly Mutrie, Secretary, Scott Bieber, Alan Ganz and Shawn Hanson, members.

The minutes from February 2024 were approved upon a motion by S. Hanson, seconded by A. Ganz and all voted in the affirmative.

B. Mutrie motioned to elect the same slate of officers for the following year as were currently serving. S. Hanson seconded the motion and all approved.

C. Schutte expressed our elation that the Town voted to install a new heat pump HVAC system for the Public Safety Building (PSB). S. Bieber reported that the HVAC RFP has been posted and there is a good response. A. Ganz asked if there will be a bond required. There will be a requirement for demolition for some of the old system(s) except for the baseboard heat. An addendum to the RFP might be coming. Fire Chief, Jay Lord should be designated the primary contact person and S. Bieber will be available to do walk throughs and consulting.

C. Schutte reported on her attendance at the LAS School Board Meeting where the students conveyed their findings about the building's energy use. They took the electric and oil receipts and used Google Sheets to graph the usage. There was a suggestion to also examine the costs of the energy used to determine Return on Investment of any future upgrade. The Committee would like to know if the school's lighting is governed by motion sensors and also if the pneumatic thermostats have been modernized.

The Button Up program endorsed by NH Saves is scheduled for May 22 at the Library. A. Ganz reiterated that he will provide refreshments. C. Schutte should make contact with B. Mutrie's help with Joanna Meighan, the Director of the Library, to find out predicted attendance, etc. The Energy Committee should help set up the chairs and take them down afterwards. C. Schutte will invite the LAS students who did the energy report to attend this workshop.

C. Schutte reported that there will be a Community Aggregation Public Meeting to answer questions from residents on the launch of Hampton Falls Community Power before June 1 at the Town Hall.

She will submit the poster for the Button Up program to Rachel Ward for the Town Newsletter.

A. Ganz handed out several news articles about a new community solar program for low and moderate income residents, House Bill 1623 regarding the state energy policy, and a scrutiny of three town's community power programs. Pertinent articles will also be sent to Karen Anderson, Town Administrator. A. Ganz also handed out a list of postings regarding NH's House Bill 1398 that will address Net Metering, NH Saves energy programs and the Renewable Energy Fund's mission to offer rebates and promote energy technologies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 upon a motion by S. Bieber, seconded by S. Hanson and all agreed. Our next meeting will be on **April 29th at 6:30 pm.**

Beverly Mutrie, Secretary *with review by Carol Schutte*