Approved Meeting Notes

from Temple Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting 6/15/20

The remote meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

Present were Rob Wills, Tom Whitcomb, Laura Lynch, Deb Delseo and Bev Edwards

Chairman, Rob Wills, announced that he had attended the last meeting of the BOS, and presented our Task Force request to become a Community Power Exploratory Committee for Temple. And the board voted to approve it.

A discussion about Community Power ensued. Bev attended a Community Power Summit held on Zoom by Clean Energy NH. She presented the gist of what she had learned from the event that was most relevant for Temple. And a lengthy discussion followed.

One of the principal considerations discussed was the advantage of utilizing the help of a group that is forming to assist towns with the management and organizational details for creating and running local Community Power Plans. Bev mentioned that they would welcome representatives from other towns. But nobody volunteered. Thom has chosen to join the CPNH organizing group.

The Task Force agreed that it would be advisable to wait for that management group to finalize its structure and procedures so that we could guarantee its help for any Community Power Plan in Temple, before presenting recommendations to our BOS and the public.

Rob then raised the next subject for discussion - what steps are needed at this point for furthering the interest of a solar installation for Temple. Tom and Deb stressed the need for a clear chart of the required steps for potentially recommending a solar array in town. Bev was asked to ascertain the legal steps necessary. And Rob agreed to do some additional drawing and clarifying of a design for a desired ground mounted array.

The use of volunteers, along with a professional installer and licensed electrician, to help with a barn-raiser installation was discussed and supported by the majority of members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Edwards