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## Local Energy Committee Minutes February 8, 2022

6 – 8 PM, Nesmith Library & ZOOM

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

Attendees: John Gage and Chris Mancuso (ZOOM); Joel Taft, Allen Reed and Mark Kovacs in Main Conference Room; Heath Partington – liaison to the BOS - was in the Main Conference Room.

2. Minutes from November 10, 2021, and December 16, 2021 approved both by a vote of 5-0.

3. Old Business

- a. Community Power Aggregation – Allen Reed reviewed a PowerPoint presentation from Exeter, NH explaining the Exeter Community Power Aggregation Plan to the Town’s Board of Selectmen. The presentation was quite thorough in describing what CPA is, what benefits will accrue to Exeter residents, the mechanics of how the program will operate in Exeter and the responsibilities that the Town will assume when the program is eventually underway.

Exeter had considerable assistance from the Community Power Coalition, New Hampshire (CPCNH) in preparing this material. The presentation made clear that Exeter’s Community Power Aggregation subcommittee had expended considerable effort in establishing the program and that Windham should expect to expend similar effort through the end of the year in order to bring a Windham CPA program to the Town Meeting in March 2023.

As part of Allen’s study of CPA, he is beginning to collect electricity rate data from Massachusetts communities which adopted their own CPA programs. Unfortunately, there are no NH town currently operating under a CPA

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program to provide actual rate data to assess the cost benefits available to Town residents.

Mark Kovacs made contact with Lisa Sweet, Chairperson of CPCNH's Member Operations and Engagement Committee; she expressed a willingness to answer additional questions regarding CPA program implementation and assist us with the LEC's CPA introduction presentation to the Board of Selectmen – hopefully to be scheduled in May or early June.

Heath Partington advised that an introductory presentation to the Board of Selectmen would be worthwhile and suggested that the LEC should try to layout as thorough a picture as possible in terms of benefits, costs, resource requirements and commitments that the BOS would be possibly agreeing to in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM (5-0)

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