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**Meeting Minutes
Sharon Energy and Environment Commission
November 10, 2022, at 5:00 pm Sharon Town Hall**

In attendance: Lyn Mattoon, Jan Dudek, Oscar Martinez, Roger Liddell, Doug Rick. Absent: Katy Kinsolving, Mike Nadeau

Minutes: minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2022, were approved.

Bioswale/ Parking Lot: Lyn read Mike Nadeau's Report about his site visit to the parking lot with Jamie Casey, Robert Barneschi (engineer) and Casey Flanagan to discuss Mike's plan for low impact development (LID) involving the installation of biofiltration at the parking lot. At issue was the number of parking spaces that would be lost if the LID plan were adopted. No action was taken on the issue at the November selectmen's meeting.

Sharon Center School Solar: Doug Rick reported on a conversation with Emily Basham and Brent Colley regarding an enlargement of the solar array at the Sharon Center School. Emily has prepared a new contract for a somewhat larger field with a new, but still highly advantageous PPA (guaranteed rate of 12.6) for 20 years. Brent will have to sign off on it.

Commission Size: Doug, Roger and Jan all confirmed that they want to stay on the Commission. We endorsed the idea of enlarging the size of the commission from 7 to as many as 9. Lyn will take the matter up with the selectmen.

Home Energy Audits: Eversource now offers Home Energy Audits for \$50.00, with free audits available for qualified households. We discussed how to get the word out. Roger will write a letter to the Recorder. Lyn will talk to Malia Hill at Sharon Social Services, and Katy will put something in the newsletter. Roger proposed a measure requiring such audits for anyone receiving fuel assistance. No action was taken on this.

Insecticides and Herbicides on White Hollow Road: Jan said that a friend had told her that the best way to approach the issue of spraying herbicide is to visit the landowner and have a friendly discussion about the issue. We agreed that Mike Nadeau might be a good candidate for the job. Lyn will also take the matter up with Jamie Casey.

Charging Stations in the Town Parking Lot: A number of issues need to be investigated regarding the charging stations proposed for the new town hall parking lot: 1. What type of charging stations are being proposed? Some are far more expensive than others. 2. Will the use of the stations, even though the customer is paying for the charge, increase the peak load demand and therefore the electric rate for the town hall? And 3. Are there any new state regulations regarding this (point#2)?

PACE presentation Kent: several members of the commission went to the PACE presentation in Kent on October 15. PACE (Peoples Action for Clean Energy) had assessed the energy expenditure for the entire town of Kent, then made recommendations as to how to reduce that amount by half. Lyn and Doug presented the possibility of inviting PACE to do a similar assessment for Sharon.

Adjournment: Oscar moved to adjourn the meeting. Jan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

The next SEEC meeting is December 8, 2022

