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SHARON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

December 13, 2023

In attendance: Lyn Mattoon, Roger Liddell, Doug Rick, Mike Nadeau, Katy Kinsolving, Helena Barnes and Shrevie Shepherd
Bethany Sheffer of the Conservation Commission was also in attendance.

Lyn began the meeting by requesting an adoption of the November 15 minutes. **APPROVED**

Lyn asked the commission for comments on the November town meeting regarding the January 5, 2024, referendum on the solar panel installation at the Sharon Center School. Both Doug and Mike expressed concern over the format of the meeting. They both explained how the three-minute limit to speaking did not allow for a full airing of the issues, and how they wished they had known the format beforehand so they could have been better prepared for the speaking limits.

Roger is in the process of making available clear and reliable information concerning the savings to the town the solar panels will provide. This is still a work in progress and will be disseminated once he feels comfortable that the information is correct and detailed. This information is important in order to correct some of the erroneous information now being distributed.

Topics for the “occasional” SEEC newsletter and future campaigns were then discussed. These included:

-Damage to aquifers and trees from road salt

- Night light pollution and its effects on the environment
- The unnecessary removal of live trees
- No mow May
- Haying fields and the destruction of bird nests
- Electric landscaping equipment/Quiet Communities **TO DO KATY**

It was agreed that Spring Clean up organized by SEEC will be held on April 20, 2024.

Lyn is purchasing two books to give to the library on meadows to coincide with a spring display on natural landscaping.

Doug suggested SEEC host Environmental Documentaries for the public viewing.

Jane Strong's nomination for membership on SEEC was unanimously approved.

Next meeting Tuesday January 2, 2024, at 5 30pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Katherine Shepherd, Secretary