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**Town of Middlebury
Energy Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 12/20/17**

Present: Chris Robbins, Ross Conrad, Howard Widelitz, Steve Maier, Hannah Hurlburt. Absent: Heather Seeley and Van Bart. Guest: Sam Carlson.

Meeting was called to order by Ross 8:45 am
(Note: all votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)

Minutes: The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and no changes were made.

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and a few minor grammatical errors were corrected. Howard motioned to approve the minutes, Chris seconded.

Green Lantern Group Discussion with Sam Carlson:

The Green Lantern Group (GLG) is currently offering net metering opportunities. The town of Middlebury currently has 150KW of net metering credits, with the potential to receive up to 350 more. Each separate business entity is eligible to receive up to 500KW of net metering credits through GLG. A business entity is distinguished by the name on the bill, therefore, Porter Hospital and each of the schools could also potentially purchase up to 500KW of net metering credits.

GLG aims to sell the available net metering credits over the next few months. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of the Town of Middlebury signing up to purchase the net metering credits at a fixed discount rate for the next 20 years. Sam provided details and answered questions.

Howard made a motion ask Kathleen to release utility bills to GLG so analysis can be done to see what our savings would be. Hannah seconded. All in favor.

Steve made a motion to recommend to Kathleen that she move the project forward through the proper channels, while MEC gathers more information. Howard seconded. All in favor.

ENERGY AUDIT:

At this time Building Energy backed out and we will be working with Zero By Design to get an energy audit for the town Warming Hut/Teen Center, Middlebury Police Department and, the Public Works building.

Chris moved to recommend to select board that we go with Zero by Design to do energy audits for up to \$10,000 for police building, public works, and teen center and negotiate a price rather than putting it out to bid. All in favor

9:55:

Kathleen entered the meeting and we filled her in regarding GLG project.

BUTTON UP:

Hannah gave an update, we distributed 210 LED bulbs throughout the community we have 40 bulbs left for distribution. There is interest in doing the Button up project in 2018 and a discussion took place regarding changes we could make in our approach that could make the project more effective.

ISSUES:

Howard met with Jason regarding the site we own and suggests that we reimburse Jason for cost of the site.

Chris reported that we could work together with the planning commission to designate places in town where we would want solar arrays to go.

Hannah moved to adjourn, Howard seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Hannah Hurlburt