

Jim Nourse called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Committee access was via Zoom, and public access was via an associated phone number that had been properly warned.

1. Jim announced that this telephonic meeting complies with the Governor's Order #12.
2. **Members present:** Mark Bolinger, Jim Nourse, Matt Brown, Scott Nichols, David Kahn, Mike Novello.
3. **Approved the minutes of our March 8, 2021 and April 12, 2021 meetings.** Scott moved, Matt seconded. Approved by unanimous vote (but David abstained).
4. **Energy chapter of Master Plan:** We walked through the "recommendations" portion of the energy chapter, focusing in particular on a handful of recommendations that had received the most comments. After a bit of wordsmithing (with Jim still working on one sentence), Scott moved and Mark seconded that we adopt the recommendations (pending review of Jim's outstanding sentence) and forward the energy chapter to the Planning Board as "final." Roll call vote was unanimous, with David abstaining.
5. **Community survey:** Jim has pulled together a survey on Lyme energy priorities for the upcoming Town Meeting; he will make paper copies that attendees can fill out, and will distribute an electronic version via the listserv and various newsletters.
6. **Future of the Energy Committee:** We continued our discussion about the future of the Energy Committee and the potential movement towards a two-committee system, one town-affiliated (i.e., the Energy Committee) and the other not (i.e., Sustainable Lyme, or something like it). Jim has talked to many other committees—some town-affiliated, some not, some who have both—about their experiences, and relayed some of the lessons learned. One concern for Lyme is whether the Energy Committee will be able to retain enough members (our current charge requires a minimum of five) under a two-committee model, but the "sense of the room" seemed to indicate sufficient retention, particularly if the Committee switches to less-frequent meetings. We decided to push the next meeting of the official committee to September, and to use the interim period to explore the formation of an unaffiliated committee.
7. **Adjournment:** Matt moved; Scott seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Our next meeting as an official committee will be Monday, September 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Bolinger, Secretary