

Present: Mark Bolinger; Matt Brown; Mike Novello; Jim Nourse; Dan O'Hara; Kevin Sahr

Absent: Scott Nichols

1. January 14, 2019 minutes.

Kevin, moved; Mike 2nd. Minutes approved unanimously.

2. Clean Energy NH.

Discussion about whether Energy Committee should become a municipal member. Committee discusses pros and cons. Both Wagner Forest Management and Tarm Biomass belong. Decision is made that given our limited budget, the resources they would make available to us do not warrant the fee.

3. SWAN Grants.

Mark reports that he has no word from them. Decision forthcoming in March.

4. Zero-sort.

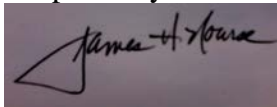
In response to a question, Kevin outlines the current situation with regards to Lyme's recycling program. Right now Casella brings our recycling to Rutland where it undergoes sophisticated separation. The contamination percentage is ~10%, so we receive some credit towards their recycling fee. To continue this program will cost the town ~\$25,000/annually, and Kevin will use time at the March 12 Town Meeting to get a sense of the town for continuing. Our current contract with the Lebanon Solid Waste facility states that the town must recycle, therefore if we decide to discontinue, we would need to find another landfill for our MSW (municipal solid waste).

5. Ready for 100

The Committee revisits Jim's January 14th presentation on the Sierra Club's Ready for 100 initiative. There is unanimous agreement that the goal of this program – to achieve 100% of Lyme's electricity from clean and renewable energy sources by 2030 and for heating and transportation by 2050 – aligns with the committee's mission. The committee will form a sub-committee to educate the town on this program with the end goal being a vote on a town warrant article (March, 2020) that affirms this goal. The warrant article will be non-binding and emphasize the fiscal prudence that should govern any adopted strategies to achieve the goal. We will recruit two additional committee members to assist in this endeavor.

6. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James H. Nourse", is written over a dark rectangular background.

Jim Nourse, Secretary