Town of Hartford

Public Hearing

CEBE Grants

Approved Minutes

February 1, 2023

7PM@ Hartford Town Hall & via Zoom

Present in person: Presenters Scott, Renee, Selectmen Cathy Lowe, Susan Goulet, Lee Holman, residents Leslie Boness, and Sybilla Petingill.

Present via Zoom: Daryl Boness.

I The hearing was called to order at 7:00pm

II This is the last public meeting before the Board is asked to sign a resolution which may include clauses. Grants are available up to $50,000.00. Municipalities are able to apply for multiple community action projects every six months. The next deadline is the end of March 2023. CEBE will be available for hire in the future to help with future deadlines.

Discussion included: heat pumps with help from efficiency Maine, solar panels on town hall roof to power town hall, town office, and salt shed, heating and cooling centers, grant funds are from State revenue and may be from Federal funds in the future, climate is changing, Norway Lake iced out in March four times in the last fifteen years, snow is important for ecology and cold temperatures, solar power will save the town money, solar policies and ordinances. Things Hartford is doing well now include road improvements, culvert replacement, community involvement and events. Short term goals include: town hall lighting with led bulbs, weatherization of windows, farmer markets, solar policy or ordinance with limits on class A farm soils, budget for planning for solar policies, review of CMP usage, and free small EV charger for emergency use.

III. The attendees worked on items to include on the action plan. CEBE will prepare the final draft of the resolution for the Board to sign.

IV The hearing was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes approved by:

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Cathy Lowe Date

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Lee Holman Date

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Susan Goulet Date