SOUTH THOMASTON CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKING GROUP MAY 7, 2023 @ 2pm GILFORD BUTLER COMMUNITY CENTER 54 SPRUCE HEAD RD SOUTH THOMASTON, MAINE

Facilitator: Kathy Florance Recorder: Nancy Goslin

Attendees: Theo Pratt, Linc O'Neil, Denise Rzeznikiewicz, Kathleen Florance, Pennie

Alley, Nancy Goslin, Ray Martin, Sally Merchant

- I. Call to order @ 2:07pm
- II. No adjustments to agenda
- III. Review and approval of prior 4/30/23 meeting minutes: Approved Pennie, 2nd Ray
- IV. Current Business
 - A. 5/5/23 Solar vendor site visit update by Linc and Nancy
 - B. John Spear, Carla, Linc and Nancy present at site visit
 - C. Sundog Solar and Revision attended
 - D. Sites discussed and considered included: Town Office roof, land adjacent to Town Office, land to left of Town Office, next to salt storage building and landfill on Stump Dump Rd., Gilford Butler Community Center roof and land on back of property
 - E. Need approximately 60'x50' area for ground fenced solar array
 - F. It was expressed that \$50,000 would cover a solar array of about 80% of current town electrical usage. Need additional \$15,000-20,000 for 100%.
 - G. Still waiting for State notification of funding availability and deadline for applications

V. New Business

- A. Request John Spear send email with note of thanks for solar companies participating, to hold bids to \$50,000 and compare to our electrical needs, and without town incurred costs.
- B. Linc to draft letter sample and Kathy to direct that letter to John Spear

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- VI. Items for next agenda
 - A. Update on grant date/amount
 - B. Updates on bidding
 - C. Review Solar 101 community update to be held at Gilford Butler 5/2?/23
 - D. Update on letters of support
- VII. Next meeting 5/21/23, 2pm, at Gilford Butler Community Center
- VIII. Adjourn at 2:50pm

Minutes of 5/7/2023 approved by unanimous vote of committee members on 5/21/2023