

Town of Exeter NH Energy Committee

MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2025; 3:30 PM

Wheelwright Room, Town Offices

Attendees:

Name	Present	Absent
Amy Farnham	X	
Stephanie Marshall	X	
Cliff Sinnott	X	
Mark Lemos		X
Kristen Murphy		X
Danica Caron		X
Abigail Manning		X
Mike Drunsic	X	
Julie Gilman	X	

1. Call to Order
 - Amy called to order at 3:39 – Quorum present
2. Public Comment
 - None.
3. Status on Action Items from Joint SAC/EC meeting
 - Minutes of meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Ideas for Community Minutes
 - Cliff volunteered that he and Julie could put together a summary of change of rates and whatever else is going on with Community Power
 - Discussed talking to select board as well as doing a community minute
 - Julie to add “community power update” to agenda for Monday, July 14 meeting
 - Kristen has collected ideas for names for the community minute to have multiple committees contribute
5. Tabling for Fall Festival
 - Amy spoke to Scott Rufner who is on board with making the event more “forward thinking”
 - Amy to continue to engage with Scott
 - Cost: there are funds available to cover the cost of a table space – shared between SAC + EC; \$2500
 - Cliff suggested setting up a table outside Swazey rather than in the park
 - We would need to get town approval
 - Amy to check with Denise (SAC Chair) about joint tabling
 - Kristen asked if there was a way to get Window Dressers flyer at schools
 - Check with EHS students about distributing through EHS committee
6. Legislative Updates
 - Advance Nuclear Resources
 - Resolution being considered to support development of advanced nuclear resources

- Bill passed to remove “Offshore” from department name and reflect the current “all of the above” focus. Name changed from Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development and Energy Innovation to the Office of Energy Innovation.
- Historically anti-wind legislators are surprisingly listening to their constituents who are increasingly supportive of wind energy.

7. Styrofoam collection

- Denise got a truck donated from Ryder
- Event to take place 7/19 9-11 am
- Chetna was picking up bags but now can’t – looking for someone to pick up Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of next week
- Looking for volunteers on the day of the event

8. Window Dressers Updates

- Got \$2800 grow grant from Grassroots
- Feedback from Grassroots: Not enough community decision makers at the table – very focused on environmental justice
- Julie to explore potential options for the advisory board – Stephanie to share the grant application with Julie to help understand grant requirements
- Putting together multi-community information packet
- Getting on the agenda for Rotary meeting in the Fall
- Currently have orders from 5 people
- Meeting Wednesday at 2:30 – WD Subcommittee at Town Hall

9. Jack Frost

- Initial sign-up recently with project team at the library – poor turnout (only 5 people came in)
 - Lesson learned – need to get out into the community
- Goal is to work with 200 homes – currently have 15 homes going through audits
- Doing full day marathon to go from community to community to try to drum up interest
- Some feedback from folks that they think it is a scam
- All of the folks getting audits will get yard signs to let the community know that they are getting upgrades
- All funds from the program transferred to the town’s coffers
- DOE funds \$2000 per household but then NH Saves and other organizations can bring total upgrade value to \$17,000.

10. Community Power updates

- CP prices going up by about 40%; primarily driven by increases in NG prices
- Henry Hernden is acting GM – search committee is seeking replacement
- Rates to be published
- Town has the ability to add an “opt-up” adder to fund town projects
- Julie is interested in doing an adder for CPCNH; potentially adding funds to a revolving fund; will want to wait 6 months to bring this back up

11. Other

- Amy has thoughts about semipermeable pavement

12. Stephanie moved to adjourn, Julie seconded, unanimously approved