

Town of Exeter NH Energy Committee

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2025; 3:30 PM
Wheelwright Room, Town Offices

Attendees:

Name	Present	Absent
Amy Farnham	X	
Stephanie Marshall	X	
Cliff Sinnott	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 3:33 – Quorum present
 - Discussion of open positions and potential new members
2. Minutes from previous meeting
 - Unanimously approved
3. Community Minute coming up
 - Sustainability Committee is responsible for the next one (9/26), highlighting a sustainability magnet
 - Energy Committee will cover the next one (10/10) – Window Dressers
 - Conversational
 - Mix in some of the video from the build
 - Stephanie to do the minute
 - Amy to develop a calendar for Community Minute to help schedule/coordinate
 - Potential future topic on Community Power
4. Fall Fair
 - Plan is to be inside the event - have a combined table spot reserved with Sustainability Committee
 - \$2500 budget (combined for EC and SC) has been drawn down so now about \$2000

- Table is \$100 but would not come out of the budget – being covered by other funds
- September 20th, 10-5
- EC focus will be on Window Dressers
- Volunteer schedule to be firmed up by email

5. Legislative tracking

- Bills being submitted next week
- Julie drafting resolution for revolving fund for energy projects, more of a grant funding pot – essentially a savings account; This model would put discretionary adder funds into revolving fund; Corey Stevens looking into other options such as enterprise fund
 - Allows using funds that the town already owns but having to avoid going through the hurdles associated with other options
- Senate may have a bill about energy storage, still a sticky point for some of the utilities
- LES conference is coming up September 25th
 - Cliff may attend
 - Julie may attend – may be able to get ticket as legislator
 - We have two tickets – Town should be able to cover for committee members
 - Amy attending – gets ticket through work

6. Styrofoam collection

- Next collection event 9/25 – 9:00-11:00
- Last collection that goes to Guilford
- Per Grant, need to have Exeter's densifier operational by end of November
- Unit is fairly portable; planning to reconfigure the layout at the transfer station
- Exeter's densifier will be online by December
- Sustainability Committee could use a couple of extra hands

7. Window Dressers

- Working with other towns to get the word out
 - Kensington
 - Newfields
 - Brentwood
 - Need to get in touch with Stratham
 - Also working with organizations such as Lions, Rotary, Congregational Church
 - Need to get the material to people
- Send email to all volunteers with the materials to disseminate

- Measuring team is assembled
 - Most members coming on 9/11 for training session on measuring
- Email from Resilient Buildings Group seeking opportunity to share some of their materials; Amy suggested inviting them to join the build in exchange for letting them share their fliers at the build

8. Jack Frost

- Up to 30 orders and a growing queue
- Challenges with payroll submittal are causing delays
- Seeking no-cost extension
- If we don't get enough homes, can allocate more money to homes that are signed up
- Yard signs during build will hopefully help with uptake

9. Community Power

- Cliff and Nick presented to select board
- Not a lot of concern expressed from select board members about current issues
- Nick expects that Unitil has not caught up to rates and expects sizable rate increase. Unitil heard about this and denied that this was the case.
- Percent change for CP rates is consistent with other suppliers
- Julie relayed that select board is committed to the program
- CPCNH has new interactive map to allow individuals to see what their rates are and view alternatives; Kristen tried to use it and found it not intuitive
- Amy raised the question if CPCNH can buy RECs – Julie to bring to board

10. Other

- Julie - Tax Exemption and Credit Advisory Committee – looking at solar credit and adjusting dollar limit based on feedback – put on agenda to discuss during next meeting

Cliff moved to adjourn the meeting; Stephanie seconded; Adjourned at 4:38