

Town of Exeter NH Energy Committee

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 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
 - Meeting called to order at 3:33 pm – quorum present
2. Public Comment
 - No representatives of the public present
3. Approval of Minutes – September 10th
 - Minutes approved unanimously with no edits
4. Status on Action Items from Joint SAC/EC meeting
 - Earth to Exeter Topic – segment
 - i. Exeter TV has two venues for public outreach– e-news letter and bi-weekly minute; EC is seeking more clarity on the schedules and readership for these platforms and how we can best make use of them. Amy to reach out to Bob at ExeterTV for further information.
 - ii. “Earth to Exeter” is a segment in the e-news letter (text only) for topics related to EC & SAC activities/issues.
 1. 10/24 issue will cover Jack Frost program (Kristen/Amy)
 2. Proposed future topics: Community Power 101 (11/21); EV Chargers (12/19)
 - Energy/SAC Table at TEAM Equinox Fest Sept 20
 - i. Participation was generally worthwhile for visibility and reinforcing messaging
 - ii. Got volunteers to sign up for window dressers

- Proposed Legislation, Solar Exemption Discussion w/ Tax Exemption Cmmte- Julie – Julie not present; Julie sponsoring bill to create revolving fund; discussion of this topic tabled until next meeting.
5. October 24 – Styrofoam Collection Event (9-11a)
- Event is sufficiently staffed, but volunteers are still welcome
 - If anyone is willing to volunteer, show up around 8:30; no sign-up necessary
 - Event is at Public Works facility
 - Kristen to send Abby flyer to post on EHS Environmental Club Instagram
6. Window Dresser Program – Exeter Build for 2025-26
- Currently have 20 orders so far – about 195 windows
 - Measuring has started – measuring team is sufficiently staffed
 - Continuing outreach to spread the word about WD to resident-owned communities
 - Gaining support from other communities – Stratham, Brentwood, East Kingston
 - Engaging multiple groups for financial support
 - Both Cliff and Stephanie are traveling 11/1-11/10 – will likely need support during that period
 - Stephanie to map out timeline to determine when orders need to be placed
 - Social media is very helpful for building awareness and engagement
7. EHS Updates
- New members have joined – all female
 - Club fair coming up
 - Tree planting delayed to spring due to drought
 - Seeking speakers to come speak to the club
 - Kristen suggested investigating NHEEP grant program – provides grants up to \$1000 to create excitement around a specific action; potentially could support a program such as getting EV chargers at EHS
 - Suggestion to invite new facilities coordinator to next club meeting
8. EECSBG project (Jack Frost) Update – Kristen
- Continuing to make progress despite federal government shut down; DOE staff furloughed
 - Biggest hurdle is getting contractors registered through portal; creates administrative challenges for contractors
 - Total grant is \$200k but there is flexibility around the number of homes and \$ per home that can be allocated

- Home audits are ongoing but construction is slow to get started
- The project will have major impacts for the customers

9. Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference Highlights

- Comments from attendees:
 - Seemed to lack content geared towards local committees; suggestion to provide input to organizers to engage local committees or add a track for local energy committees
 - Clean Energy NH had a checklist for what clean energy committees could tackle
 - Suggestion for a separate event for local energy committees to get together and share ideas
 - Amy inspired to reach out to town businesses to discuss support for EV chargers

10. Other Business / Follow up

- None

11. Adjourn

- Adjourned at 4:37 pm