

Town of Exeter NH Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026; 3:30 PM
Wheelwright Room, Town Offices

Present - Amy Farnham, Cliff Sinnott, Nicholas Metz, Stephanie Marshall, Mike Drunsic, Kristen Murphy, Abby Manning

1. Meeting called to order by Amy at 3:35 pm
2. Public Comment - none
3. Approval of Minutes – April 8 - Mike moved to approve; unanimously approved amended minutes (corrected “quarterleaf” to quarterly)
4. Power Hour Event Report & Plans for Next - good event with strong engagement - 6 attendees; Would have been good to have more attendance;
 - a. Next event - Discussion of electric bills / CPCNH
 - b. Future options: Wind Energy - Mike to look at May/June dates; joint with Abby's mom
5. Community Power Plans for Select Board Presentation
 - a. March 30 meeting did not take place, Cliff could not attend; meeting has not been scheduled
 - b. Cliff prefers to wait until after April 20th - Portsmouth having meeting with CPCNH to discuss various issues; would like to wait to incorporate information from this meeting
 - c. Next SB meetings - April 27th and May 4th; Cliff to check his schedule
 - d. Objective is to explain to SB what is happening with rates and discuss likeliest direction with gap between Unutil default rate and CPCNH rate
 - e. Cliff communicating with Jackson Kaspari at CPCNH; developing materials for members to help communicate about rates
 - f. Key question - not clear how utilities are recovering from under collection
 - g. Is the gap between CPCNH and Unutil default rates enduring?
 - h. Discussed how do we (as the EC) counsel town with respect to CPCNH
 - i. Motion made by Nick to maintain our current membership in CPCNH; seconded by Cliff; unanimously approved
 - j. CPCNH has broader objectives that can bring benefits to the town in the long term. These need to be clearly communicated.
6. High School news (Abby)
 - a. New representative candidates identified
 - b. Planning unofficial trip to offshore wind farm in May
 - c. Will bring juniors to next meeting to help “pass the torch”
7. Alewife Festival May 9 –Founders Park w/ Town Hall back up
 - a. Both facilities reserved
 - b. Doing more advertising with local business

8. Correspondence: Standard permit application for the proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station, ReSource Waste Services of Epping located at 270 Exeter Road in Epping, NH
 - Info session followed by public hearing 4/28 beginning at 5:30 pm
 - a. Q&A period to learn about plans; can attend virtually
 - b. Concerns: within Lamprey River watershed which flows into Great Bay (Exeter is a Great Bay community)
 - c. Former brownfield site; monitoring wells on site
 - d. Kristen to attend on behalf of the Town
9. Other Business / Follow up / Energy News
 - a. Kristen asking if EC would be supportive of using \$250 for stickers for Alewife Festival
 - b. Cliff moved; Mike seconded; unanimously approved
10. Adjourn - meeting adjourned 4:40