

Town of Exeter NH Energy Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026; 3:30 PM
Wheelwright Room, Town Offices

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

1. Meeting called to order by Cliff at 3:33 pm
2. Public Comment - none
3. Approval of Minutes – April 8 - Mike moved to approve, Stephanie seconded; unanimously approved as presented.
4. Unitil funds for municipal projects
 - a. Unitil has excessive NH Saves funds to distributes so offering free energy audits and upgrades with no interest financing
 - b. The Town provided a list of potential projects
 - c. Energy audits in the process of being scheduled and will look at upgrades based on those results
 - d. Working with Clean Energy NH as liaison with Unitil
 - e. Includes the schools - Kristin in touch; Abby/Dani will ask Mr Brock for the right contact
5. Power Hour Event Report & Plans for Next Quarter
 - a. Next event - Discussion of electric bills / CPCNH
 - i. Looking at June dates - considering middle of June, tentatively June 16th; Kristen to confirm availability with library
 - ii. Nick and Cliff to present
 - iii. Nick to prepare draft flyer
 - b. Future options: Wind Energy
6. Green Minute for May
 - a. Will go out May 20th, need to deliver content to Bob Lowecki by Tuesday (Kristen to confirm)
 - b. Use flyer for Power Hour (Nick to provide to Kristen)
7. Community Power Plans for Select Board Presentation
 - a. Cliff attended Portsmouth meeting about CPCNH (working session)
 - b. Portsmouth has had over 300 customers opt out in the past month
 - c. No information that fundamentally changes the current circumstances for Exeter
 - d. Impetus for meeting was based on a motion from a city councilor to leave CPCNH

- e. Portsmouth Energy Committee and the Consumer Advocate recommended not leaving CPCNH
 - f. Presentation to Select Board - Cliff proposing 31st of May
 - g. Nick Devonshire (Town Rep to CPCNH, also on the CPCNH Risk Committee) is planning to (or has) submitted his resignation; Select Board will select a replacement
8. High School news (Abby/Dani)
- a. New representative candidates identified (Cadance & Bria); one of Abby/Dani to join next meeting with Cadance & Bria
 - b. Offshore wind trip was unable to move forward; Abby to send contact information for scheduling a trip
 - c. Working on making some bird boxes
 - d. Abby and Dani willing to participate in volunteer events still so will share personal contact information
9. Alewife Festival Recap
- a. Moved indoors due to weather
 - b. Attendance was strong - seemed like it has grown
 - c. Having it indoors seems to allow attendees to focus more on the content at the various booths vs outdoors
 - d. Considering the option to do it indoors next year at the Library
 - e. Kristen has received a lot of positive reports from participants and attendees
 - f. Goal next year is to push harder for engagement with local businesses
10. Other Business / Follow up / Energy News
- a. Town submitted tax return for solar project - \$1.57M credit; will receive a check for this amount which will go towards the bond (initially budgeted as a \$1.1M credit)
 - b. Stephanie asked about reserving Town Hall in January for Window Dressers (January 14-21, 2027)
11. Adjourn - meeting adjourned 4:34