

Town of Canterbury Energy Committee

Approved Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved: 5/12/2025

Date: 2025-04-14

Location: Elkins Public Library

Members Present:

Ruth Heath, Jeff Beltramo, Beth Blair (Select Board representative), Steven Lundahl. Beth McGuinn, Ron Litalien. Absent: Sarah Stremper.

Invited Guests Present:

none

Secretary: Steven Lundahl

Scheduled Start Time: 7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35PM

Meeting Minutes:

1. Appointed Ron Litalien as voting member for tonight's meeting.
2. Approval of minutes after addition of detail with CCCP meeting.
3. It was announced that there will be an information and training session on the Right to Know requirements this Thursday (4/17/2025) and committee members need to RSVP so the organizers know how many will be attending.
4. Announcement from Beth M.: We are members of Clean Energy NH. There is a workshop on 4/16 called "Solar Start To Finish". Beth M. will be attending, others are invited. It is 4:30-6:30 PM on Wednesday. Cost for committee members is \$10 if you call in advance and tell them that you are a CENH member (the Committee is a member). For others it is \$20.
5. Battery Storage presentation on April 9 was attended by Tom & Cheryl Franco, Tim Meeh, Beth B. and Fred Portnoy. Chris Porter gave a presentation. Porter Electric does battery storage for residential and commercial as well as solar. He is very interested in coming back and doing a presentation for people who may be interested. Beth M. says Revision Energy also does this and has over 20 years experience.
 - a. We decided last month that we would do an event on battery storage for both solar and non-solar households.
 - b. Possibly have people who already have batteries
 - c. Additional vendors

- d. Beth M. has volunteered to coordinate this event.
- 6. Discussed the possibility of holding a new “Solarize Canterbury” presentation.
 - a. Beth M. proposed that we discuss this further in May.
 - b. We may do a survey on interest in both battery storage and solar presentations for the future.
- 7. Beth B. met with Ken Folsom on the energy audit recommendations to see what has been done and what has not. Beth B. will submit details of her meeting that will appear as an addendum to this month’s Minutes.
 - a. Ruth asked how we would like to act on this information.
 - b. Jeff will try to find a resource to help with calculations on energy savings for the destratification fans.
- 8. Ruth: Sol Smart looked over our town laws and gave us feedback regarding their solar-friendliness
 - a. There is a webinar on Thursday. Ruth and possibly Beth M. will attend.
- 9. Ruth: Window Dressers has met twice and will meet again this week.
 - a. Four couples came to the presentation and three of them signed up and there has been at least one additional sign-up as well.
- 10. Ruth: LED Lights street lights - Unitil - Ruth is looking into it
 - a. Street lights cost roughly \$40 per month per light. We estimate the annual total to be around \$2880 per year for our street light energy bill with UNITIL.
- 11. Concord is building a solar array on their landfill. The energy can only go to schools and municipalities and Concord can’t use all of it so they are offering the excess to other municipalities on a subscription basis.
 - a. Beth M. requested that we put a discussion on whether we might be interested in a subscription to solar for the town municipal buildings from an array like from Concord or the proposed array in Warner.

Next meeting: May 12 7pm Library Conference Room

Respectfully submitted by Steven Lundahl