

DRAFT Energy Committee Minutes
Canterbury Center Meetinghouse
Monday June 14, 2025

Attending: Ruth Heath, Jeff Beltramo, Sarah Stremper

Absent: Ron Litalien, Steve Lundahl, Beth McGuinn, Beth Blair (Selectboard rep)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

New Business

Sarah Stremper has agreed to become secretary.

Old Business

1. Energy efficiency for municipal buildings

a. We will hear from Beth Blair regarding the Municipal Building audit items not completed when she is available.

b. Fans are our next focus. High efficiency fans could be used. Jeff is working with someone with HVAC expertise to help the committee with options that would suit the specific needs of each bay in the Municipal building.

2. SolSmart- solar friendly zoning for both residences and businesses

a. Ken reported the building inspector has viewed the training and has been asked to put together a solar permitting checklist to be posted on the town website.

B. Jeff will write up an email communication that Ruth will send to past and present planning board members, asking for interest in assisting the energy committee in the nuance of zoning regulations as it pertains to residential and commercial solar.

c. Possibly create a working group between committees that will recommend changes to our zoning regulations using the recommended regulations from the SolSmart project. This is a large project that will require close collaboration.

d.. Overlay district showing where commercial solar panels can be put needs to be created also.

3. Education Initiatives- "Petting Zoo" September 10, 2025 4:00pm-6:00pm

a. An idea was mentioned to reach out to the community to bring outside appliances as a form of outreach.

b. Sarah and Beth are working on this together and will need to get advertising to the community newsletter.

4. LED streetlights

a. Ruth has spoken to our former Unitil municipal representative and is waiting for answers.

5. Window Dressers Update

a. The coordinating group is still working to get more orders. We might consider combining with Concord group if not full enough by September.

B. Claudia will contact folks who have already signed up and expressed interest from past sign ups at multiple events

c. Sarah S will work on communications for Window Dressers.

Announcements

1. July 16th- Webinar on the changes to the EV tax credits led by Plug In America and arranged by NH energy network. Register for free “Last chance for EV tax credits” as it relates to the recent federal changes.

2. Code of conduct needs to be read and reviewed by all members of the energy committee.

3. We need to change our September meeting date due to a schedule conflict with the meeting house. The meeting would possibly change from the 8th to the 15th. We will decide next meeting, which is August 11, 7:00PM at the Meetinghouse.