

1 Town of Canterbury, NH  
2 Energy Committee – Draft Minutes  
3 Date: 2024 March 4  
4 Location: Meeting House  
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6 Members Present:

7 Jeff Beltramo (Chair), Claudia Leidinger, Ruth Heath (Alternate), Beth McGuinn, Howard Moffett  
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9 1. Administration

- 10 a. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.  
11 b. Ruth Heath was made a voting member due to multiple absences.  
12 c. Previous Minutes Approval  
13 i. Changes “as amended”  
14 1. Line 42, “writer” -> “rider”  
15 ii. Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the Energy Committee meeting  
16 on February 5, 2024. Claudia seconded. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

17 2. Town Building Heating Project

- 18 a. See Energy Committee Minutes 2/5/24 Section 2. for previous discussion.  
19 b. Fred Portnoy visited the Library to see the current heating setup. He was unable to attend this  
20 meeting, but he spoke with Jeff previously and he thinks the intake might be working.  
21 c. The Committee asked if Rachel needs their help getting a grant. They decided that she can work  
22 with the Library Trustees for that.

23 3. New Hampshire Dept. of Energy and upcoming Inflation Reduction Act rebate programs

- 24 a. The next round of funding will be starting soon.  
25 b. The Committee discussed if they rather try to reignite the project to get solar on municipal  
26 buildings or focus more on getting [residents to switch to heat-pumps](#).  
27 c. Solar on municipal buildings was previously halted because there was concern over the state of  
28 the roof of the Municipal Complex. Maybe the first step would be fixing the roof.  
29 d. If they focus on heat-pumps, they could do a similar set of activities as they did for “Solarize  
30 Canterbury” a few years ago.  
31 e. Heat-pumps would be a mostly educational project, municipal solar would be much more  
32 involved.  
33 f. [NH Clean Energy circuit riders](#) could help us even though we are not geographically covered.  
34 g. Ruth had gotten a template for a municipal solar RFP at a conference last fall.

35 4. Jaffery Community Solar Farms article

- 36 a. Beth’s company, ReVision, is [creating a “community solar farm” in Jaffery](#) where homeowners  
37 can essentially participate in a group net metering LLC.  
38 b. After the first 3 weeks, it will be open to residents outside of Jaffery.

39 5. Window Dressers

- 40 a. See Energy Committee Minutes 2/5/24 Section 3 for previous discussion.  
41 b. Window Dressers has offered two date ranges in November. The Committee decided to accept  
42 the November 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> dates.  
43 c. Measurements must be completed 6 weeks prior to the build event, so they need to be finished  
44 by mid-September. So measuring should begin in July. So all measurers should be recruited and  
45 trained by June.  
46 d. They are aiming for 200 windows, which is about 30 houses.  
47 e. Location has not been decided yet, but it looks like the Parish Hall is going to be the best  
48 option. They are waiting on the Church Council to confirm.

- 49 f. Ruth and Claudia are beginning to form their team for the event and would like help finding  
50 people to fill roles.
- 51 g. Roles:
- 52 i. Measuring Coordinator (arrange for measuring of houses, ends two months before the  
53 event)
- 54 ii. 6 measurers
- 55 iii. Shift Supervisors (as we get closer, they will need to attend other fall builds before ours)
- 56 iv. Outreach Coordinator (social media, press release)
- 57 v. Food Coordinator (catering the build event)
- 58 vi. Volunteer Coordinator
- 59 vii. Fund Raiser
- 60 h. Window Dressers is hosting an online training event on 3/14.
- 61 i. Ruth and Claudia will try to advertise the event at the Town Meeting on 3/15 and do an  
62 informational session on 4/4.
- 63 6. Adjournment
- 64 a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.
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- 66 Next Meeting: 2023 April 1, 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting House
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- 68 Minutes submitted by Kathleen McKay, Secretary