

**KENSINGTON ENERGY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 11, 2026 MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

Call to Order and Attendance:

- Kensington Energy Committee meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.
- In attendance: Charlie Horn, Steve Sniderman, Susan Varn, Joni Praded, Tom Balabon, Board liaison.

Minutes:

- SSniderman moved to approve the draft meeting minutes for July 21, 2026; SVarn seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

1. Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency “C-PACER”:

- C-PACER is a private lending program that helps pay for energy efficiency, clean energy, water conservation, and property resiliency improvements.
- Sarah Brock from Clean Energy New Hampshire presented an overview of the C-PACER program to the Board of Selectmen (BoS) at its August 10, 2026 meeting. The BoS were also provided with written information about the program and had a chance to ask questions. The BoS will review the information and discuss whether to move forward with the program at its next meeting.

2. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) Update:

- Community Power representatives gave an update on the program at the August 3 BoS meeting. CPCNH is completing its financial recovery, enabling more competitive rates.
- At the August 10 BoS meeting, Steve Greenland made a presentation to the Board and asked it to consider removing the town from CPCNH membership.
- The Energy Committee Chair expressed concerns about pulling the town out now as volatile energy market and undercharging by utilities may lead to a spike in utility rates in the near future. Removing the town from CPCNH would prevent residents from obtaining the full range of energy supply options.
- The BoS will review the documents submitted by Steve Greenland.
- The BoS encouraged the town and the Energy Committee to continue to make residents aware of new rates and how to opt-out of CPCNH if that is the best choice for that rate period.
- There was discussion about developing a FAQ document to provide residents with pertinent information about CPCNH. JPraded will look at updating the FAQ developed and mailed to residents when the town first joined CPCNH.

3. Filing Elective Pay Tax Forms Support:

- Kensington has received a retention letter from Lawyers for Good Government. The Board of Selectmen approved retaining this non-profit group to assist (without charge) the Town Manager to submit the appropriate forms to the IRS to receive the Direct Pay rebate for the geo-thermal system.

4. Assisting Residents and Commercial Properties Access Energy Saving Resources:

- **Free Level II Energy Audits for small businesses and farms.** CENH has some funding for free energy audits. These audits are quite expensive. The selected entities will also receive information about other funding and resources to become more energy efficient. Timeline to apply is very short. This information was posted on Kensington Connects. Interested entities should contact KEC or CENH for more information ASAP.
- **Plug-in Solar: Status in NH.** CHorn attended a webinar sponsored by CENH on plug-in solar and will send a link to presentation to the Committee. Not ready for prime-time yet as new UL standards are being developed.
- **Participation in the Window Dressers program:** CHorn offered to be the contact person and will plan to arrange in-person demonstrations in town to show how the inserts and the program works.

5. Save the Date: CENH Local Energy Solutions Conference will be held on November 12 from 9-4 in Manchester.

6. Energy Committee Webpage Discussion: Tabled

- SSniderman moved to adjourn the meeting; SVarn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 1:30-2:30 at the Town Hall**

Submitted by Charlie Horn