



Energy Committee

Meeting Minutes

Academy Hall

August 12, 2026

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Matt Tilley, Chair	Absent	Lorna Carlisle, Vice Chair	Present
Robert Irving	Present	Joe Schmidl	Present
Kevin O'Neill, Alternate	Absent	Janet Long, Alternate	Present
Selectman Ex-Officio, David Hostetler	Absent	Recording Secretary, Sam Wasil	Present

No one attended the meeting in person. No one attended via Zoom.

Chair Tilley opened the Energy Committee meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes:

Joe Schmidl **motioned** to accept the July 8th, 2026 draft minutes as written.

Lorna Carlisle **seconded** the motion passing unopposed.

Highway Property Solar Array:

Janet Long had an idea of offering a second purpose for a ground mounted solar array. Long suggested having livestock graze in the area. Long hoped this would help other residents see a benefit to a solar array. Selectman Hostetler asked if there had been any push back on a solar array. The committee agreed there had not been any yet but they should be prepared in case there was.

Discussion on having a site visit was had. Chair Tilley noted having a professional solar contractor along during the site visit would be beneficial. The committee will check with the Road Agent to see when access to the property will be completed, to schedule a site visit. Lorna Carlisle will follow up with Revision on getting a municipal solar contractor to the visit.

Energy Audits:

Joe Schmidl noted a second energy audit was conducted on the Town buildings. The audit was done by a contractor who then sends a report to Unitil. Unitil will then provide the Town with suggested upgrades, along with prospective incentives for making those upgrades. Schmidl noted he has not seen a report yet and will follow up the auditor.

Capital Reserve Fund:

Carlisle asked how the committee would go about starting a Capital Reserve Fund for energy projects. Schmidl noted it could be added to the Capital Improvements Plan, which the Planning Board recommends. Multiple members explained that having some money already set aside for the projects, would benefit the Town when seeking grants. Hostetler noted some projects would also be a reimbursement of funds. Schmidl suggested using a general title, such as "Energy Opportunities", so the fund could encompass any energy project in the future.

Highway Building:

Selectman Hostetler noted the Selectboard has begun drafting a Request for Proposals and Quotes for the Highway Building. The current draft has propane for the HVAC system. Hostetler would like to see an option of using energy for HVAC. Schmidl noted the Town could seek quotes for both and decided based on those. The Selectboard will be discussing the draft RFP on August 19th.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 9th, 2026 @ 6 p.m. upstairs in Academy Hall

Adjournment:

Joe Schmidl **motioned** that they adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Hostetler **seconded** the motion and the Board adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samantha Wasil, Recording Secretary