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## Accepted MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING February 13, 2024

### Meeting held at the Stratham Municipal Center

#### Commission Members:

- Matthew O'Keefe
- Charlie Case
- Michael Welty
- Joe VanGombos
- Joe Anderson - Select Board Member
- Paul Deschaine

#### Call to Order: 6:10 PM

#### January 9, 2024 minutes approved

#### Community Power Update

Stratham Community Power has been highlighted in this year's Select Board Introduction to the Town Report.

An article about Stratham Community Power was included in the February issue of the Stroll magazine. Approximately \$300,000 will be saved by customers between March and July 2024 based on a supply rate of 8.1 cents per KWH compared with the Unitil supply rate of 10.7 cents per KWH. New customers will be identified quarterly by Unitil and will be notified about Stratham Community Power.

Charlie will check with Henry Herndon of CPCNH whether the current Unitil default rate or Stratham Community Power Granite Basic is considered the default rate going forward. He will also check if the letter mailed to all Stratham customers and the CPCNH charts used for the Jan 30 meeting are on the Town SEC/EAC web site.

#### Municipal Building Initiative

The Town has planned a replacement for four HVAC systems on the roof of the Municipal Center. Matt and Joe V have drafted a memo for the Select Board to consider. The Energy Commission proposes it would analyze alternate vendor responses for energy operating cost comparison and life cycle cost analysis. Funding sources would also be identified. HVAC options identified are:

- a. Code compliant direct replacement of the existing HVAC equipment.
- b. High efficiency models with minimum Energy Efficiency Ratios (EER) to qualify for participation in Unitil's NH Saves incentive program.
- c. Heat Pump technology serving air conditioning loads of the buildings at a minimum.



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## **Municipal Solar Possibilities**

This will be the primary topic for the March meeting. Katrin Kasper from Clean Energy New Hampshire and Mark Connors, Town Planner have been invited.

## **Stratham Memorial School Construction Project**

The design project continues. An Energy Commission member will provide advice to the Design Sub Committee.

**The March Energy Commission meeting has been moved from Tuesday March 12 to Wednesday March 13 at 6 PM.**

**Adjourned: 6:55 PM**

Respectfully submitted - Charlie Case