



# TOWN OF STRATHAM

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## MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION (SEC) MEETING Wednesday – March 16, 2016

**Location: Stratham Municipal Center / Land Use Conference Room**

Committee Members: (present in bold)

- **Michael Ream**
- **Matthew O’Keefe**
- **Michael Gorman**
- **Charlie Case**
- **Michael Welty**

Also Present: Town Manager Paul Deschaine, guest Charles Forcey

### 7:04 PM Call to order

- 1.) Approve Meeting minutes from February 10, 2016
- 2.) ReVision Energy Solar Proposal
  - a. What’s the process for an RFP from a town perspective? Depends on how it’s structured (e.g., purchase vs. PPA/lease), this will be guiding on approach and timing. One option is lease to buy. (whereupon an appraisal is done per IRS rules) If favored, there could be an option to escrow. Net metering agreement discussed, there are tradeoffs and details to work out. e.g., Renewable Energy Credit value and future capacity value discussed.
  - b. Have other vendors been contacted? Yes, Charlie Case spoke with Barrington Power, who are also interested. Hold on further pursuing until we secure BoS’s general interest.
  - c. What timing? Legislation on net metering restrictions may push us to 2017, as we may have to wait for them to vote to extend the cap. Eversource queue already at the cap. There is space available with the current Unutil net-metering cap
  - d. Action: SEC members (TBD) to request time at Mon 21Mar16 Board of Selectmen meeting, will speak generally to the cost/benefit to see if interest for the town.
- 3.) Discuss proposal @ Police Station
  - a. \$4400 was approved as line item in the 2016 Town Meeting. BoS must approval any disbursement of funds over \$1000.
  - b. SEC’s voted, and approved unanimously, SEC recommend Stratham to pay half (up to \$2900), and initiate the study. SEC chairman will presented this recommendation to BoS on 21Mar16.
- 4.) Article – Stratham Magazine

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- a. Mike Ream was interviewed by ReVision Energy, who will send a write up to Stratham Magazine, anticipates will be in May or June issue.
  - 5.) Portfolio Manager update
    - a. Is up to date for 2015.
    - b. Data management and analysis discussed, with warning to beware of inference of energy usage per unit area.
  - 6.) New Business
    - a. Charles Forcey, chair of Durham's Energy commission attended to share experiences and to offer to collaborate with the SEC. LEWG forming "regional hubs". One in Plymouth, NH. Idea: coordinator, web page, long term presence in Seacoast to leverage shared resources as we share infrastructure. Pitching idea for Stratham to join the hub, share data, share project plans. will help to sustain regional benefits of our Energy future. Tapping into state resources and educational opportunities also considered. Ideas: solarized campaign; property tax study 3<sup>rd</sup> party PPAs in local area, improving how they are appraising solar and related exemptions ... get assessors on the same page. Opportunity: Solar 101 (vendor neutral) via LRCC's Andy Duncan is offered, looking for a venue and to open up in the community. Regional hub would be interested. Charles Forcey to reach out to SEC with more information.
  - 7.) New Business
    - a. (4) new HVAC (heating/cooling) systems for the town hall discussed, planned for 2016 fiscal year. Scope is to replace existing with newer more efficient Carrier systems. Discussion on options to replace (4) with a central system. Evaluation to date by the town manager supports the selected approach. SEC recommends considering a remote control system which could be a common architecture, which would act as a pilot. SEC recommends town manager reach out to contractor on leveraging any available incentive programs.
  - 8.) Membership
    - a. Mike Gorman's membership comes up in Apr 2016, address in our next meeting. SEC limited of (5) members though can add an Optional member.
  - 9.) Adjourn 8:02
  - 10.) Next Meeting April 13, 2016 (MJW will be away, MO'K to lead)

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