



# TOWN OF STRATHAM

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## ACCEPTED MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

December 10, 2024

Meeting held at the Stratham Municipal Center

### Commission Members:

- Matthew O'Keefe
- Charlie Case
- Michael Welty not present
- Joe VanGombos
- Joe Anderson - Select Board Member
- Paul Deschaine

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

November 12, 2024 minutes approved

### Municipal Solar

DPW Installation NHDOE Grant – The Town was notified that we were not selected as a grant recipient. We believe that we were low on the NHDOE Priority List partly because our solar array proposal was part of a new construction project which would require additional Federal oversight for the NHDOE. Construction of the Salt Spreader Shed has not started, and the plan still needs final approval from the Select Board.

Possibilities identified for possible solar arrays beyond the Police Station – Landfill site, Fire Department roof

Police Station Array Buy Out – The Police Station solar array buy out from ReVision Energy is complete. Options for selling RECs: use ReVision Energy or use CPCNH. Matt to follow up. Validation of RECs is not an issue since our Solar Inverters can do this for us.

### Municipal Building Initiatives

Matt will follow up with Tim Stevens on the latest status on the new roof top heating, ventilation and cooling units for the Library, Town Offices and the Police Department.

Lighting proposals – put off until January meeting, Mike Welty to report

Energy Commission Annual Report – Matt will submit our annual report to the Town using the template provided by CPCNH with some edits. As of September 30, 2024 Stratham Community Power has saved customers \$358,000.



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**Group Net Metering Offers** Possibilities are Lodestar, (Freedom Energy), Kearsarge, or CPCNH. Termination charges for Lodestar is still an issue. Matt to follow up with all three possibilities and will get contract information from Kearsarge. Joe V will correct load data he sent to Lodestar to include the second meter at the Municipal Center.

**Community Power Updates**

Stratham Community Power rates for February 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025 will be set and announced by early January.

The NHPUC held a meeting to discuss Net Metering issues raised by CPCNH. The PUC ruled to consider many of CPCNH's proposals including "CPCNH's Local Power Market proposal expanding opportunities for local power generators, energy storage, and other innovative market-based energy solutions". CPCNH welcomes the Commission's decision to maintain the state's net metering program while pursuing additional phases of the proceeding to help increase the compensation to local power producers.

**Stratham Memorial School – Put off to January Meeting Mike Welty to report**

Adjourn 7:10