



# TOWN OF STRATHAM

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## MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING April 9, 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 - absent

**Call to Order: 6:05 PM**

### **Approval of March Minutes postponed to May meeting**

**Municipal Solar** – Matt contacted two Towns who have large solar projects underway that we might partner with: Exeter and Bow. Matt estimated that Stratham's Municipal load is about 250kw and suggested that either Town might add our load as they size their solar capacity. Stratham could then be an “off taker”. So far, Bow has expressed an interest in talking with us. We need to determine if it is feasible for us to join with another town for a large solar array.

Some Stratham sites that may support a large solar array were briefly discussed; the capped landfill at the Transfer Station, the Gifford Land adjacent to the Town Forest, and two privately owned sites - the Stuart Farm and the Saltonstall Farm. The roof of the Fire Station was raised as a possibility for solar since it is scheduled for a new roof in the near future. The Fire Station has been discussed in the past for solar, but the age of the roof at that time made it impractical.

**NH Energy Week** -will be held from May 6 to May 10 organized by Clean Energy NH.

### **Community Power Updates**

The Annual Meeting for the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire Annual Meeting will be held on April 25 in Concord NH. Charlie will attend. There are now 66 Members some of which are part of County Memberships. Charlie will find out if there are updates on how to accommodate Net Metering. Paul may attend as well.

The conversion to Stratham Community Power should be complete by now. Matt will contact Madelyn Bradley from CPCNH to find out the percentage of actual enrollment in Stratham.



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**Municipal Building Initiatives.** The Energy Commission will speak with the new Public Works Director Tim Stevens about the planned replacement of HVAC systems at the Municipal Center.

**Stratham Memorial School** - Sophie Saltonstall and Paul Tasini are now members of the construction sub committee.

Adjourned 7:00 PM