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## APPROVED MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

December 9, 2025

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: 6:00 PM

November 13, 2025 minutes approved with an edit

A draft Energy Commission Annual Report was reviewed and approved for submission to the Town.

Stratham Community Power- The CPCNH electricity supply rates for Feb 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 will be announced shortly. Unitil has already proposed 12.1 cents per KWH to the PUC for their default rate. There have been no proposed default rates yet for Eversource or Liberty. Based on the CPCNH Member meeting in October, the CPCNH electric rates going forward may need to be similar to today's rates in order to rebuild reserves used during last winter. As a result, the Energy Commission is doing due diligence by looking at four possible supplier options to CPCNH to reduce rates for Stratham Community Power. If necessary, we may recommend that Stratham Community Power switch to a different supplier. We are monitoring CPCNH's allocation of Shared Reserves for Stratham and there is nothing new to report at this time. It was noted that Constellation (a major power generating company) bought Calpine, a key partner with CPCNH. It is not known how this might affect CPCNH in the future.

Municipal Solar – ReVision Energy (installer of the Police Station Solar which the Town now owns) has notified the Town that they plan to remove their compatibility that keeps track of the power eligible for selling RECs. There are several options for the Town to collect and submit this data to allow REC sales. The lowest cost option involves a having a person manually read the meter on the Police Station inverter on the first of each month and submit the data to a company authorized to sell the RECs for the Town.



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**Community Education Topics** – Matt will follow up with the Rec Department for scheduling the first proposed Community Education session on Electric Vehicles during 2026. Additional topics that could be of interest to residents include: Heat Pumps, Solar Electric, weatherization, electric rates and questions for likely new CPCNH features such as “time of day rates”. The Energy Commission has sponsored the educational “Button Up New Hampshire” in the past.

**Energy Commission Web Site Redesign** - The Town will be redesigning all Town web sites. Joe VanGombos will create a new suggested version for the review at the January 2026 meeting which includes updates and combines the two current separate pages for the Energy Commission and the Energy Aggregation Committee.

**Stratham Memorial School construction project review** – The new boilers have been installed, and the roof has been replaced with two inches of insulation added. Mike Welty continues to work closely with the key construction people to ensure that energy conservation features are being incorporated. Reps for Unitil are reviewing the design details to support an anticipated rebate. It was noted that this review may identify other building modifications that provide additional energy savings that are also eligible.

**Adjourn 7:15 PM**