



# TOWN OF STRATHAM

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## Accepted MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

June 10, 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

Guest: Dick Swett

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

May 13, 2025 minutes were approved

### Community Power Updates

The CPCNH Board will vote on its supply rate on June 26 for the six month period starting August 1, 2025 and the rate will be announced July 1. Unitil's default supply rate will be 11.8 cents per kwh for this period. Default supply rates for Eversource and Liberty are not known yet.

CPCNH (along with Unitil, Eversource and Liberty) under collected the cost of electricity supply from Aug 2024 to Jan 2025. CPCNH used its reserves to cover its under collection and those reserves will need to be replenished. How the distribution companies will recover their under collection is still to be determined but the PUC has ruled that recovering through a stranded cost charge in their delivery bill will not be allowed. In an effort to reduce supply rates, the PUC now requires the utilities to contract for 50% fixed cost supply and the rest purchased on the wholesale spot market. CPCNH does not have this restriction.

Load forecasting can be a challenge no matter how good a load forecasting tool is. For example, The Town of Salem uses Liberty for its delivery and default supply - and Salem has not decided whether or not to use Community Power (not CPCNH's). Since Salem's load is a significant part of Liberty's total load, Liberty's forecast accuracy is difficult at best.

### Municipal Solar

The Town has signed a contract with the Knollwood Company to sell the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) earned by the Police Station Solar. They now have direct access to the Police



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Station inverter that keeps track of eligible RECs. REC sales will be done every three months starting Oct 15, 2025 at the latest. The Town still needs to access the REC data directly.

## Community Education Topics

The Energy Commission has sponsored the educational "Button Up New Hampshire" program in the past. Additional topics that could be of interest to residents include: Electric Vehicles, Heat Pumps, Solar Electric, weatherization and questions for likely new CPCNH features such as time of day rates. We could start with a lunch session at the Fire House on Electric Vehicles and invite local EV dealers including Green Wave EV to join us.

## Group Net Metering Offer

The Energy Commission has recommended that the Town Attorney review the proposed Lodestar contract. This will be a 20 year contract with a provision that if the Town leaves the Net Metering Group, it will owe one year of payments back. It is not clear when construction of the Net Metering facility will be completed. The proposed contract has been sent to David Moore for a legal review.

## Stratham Memorial School construction project review

Mike has reached out to the Construction Manager for the SMS Project. The updates to the building could qualify for rebates. Joe V and Matt plan to reserve rebate funding. Mike reported that the boiler replacement will be done in 2025, and the remaining updates in 2026.

CENH Funding – The Energy Commission voted to recommend the Town re join CENH for \$300 per year. Matt will follow up.

Adjourn 7:00 PM