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## DRAFT MINUTES FOR STRATHAM ENERGY COMMISSION MEETING

March 10, 2026

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

All present except Joe Andersin

Call to Order: 6:00 PM

February Minutes Accepted

**Community Power Updates** – Matt, Paul and Charlie met with the Select Board at their February 17 meeting and presented a status of CPCNH and three options for the Board's consideration. Matt explained that the Energy Commission continues to monitor trends, uncertainties and best practices – and is in regular communication with other Towns and third party suppliers. The Board determined that they will take no action at this time. A complete discussion is covered on the Select Board's minutes for February 17.

**Municipal Solar** – Matt explained the new process for selling Renewable Energy Credits from electricity generated by the Police Station Solar. We will read the meter monthly which measures the power generated and submit the reading to Paul Button of Energy Audits Unlimited who will submit our authorized data to Knollwood Company for REC sales. Matt read the meter in March to establish a baseline of 17,973 kwh. Joe Van Gombos will take the April reading.

**Community Education Topics** – Mike will follow up with the Rec Department to schedule our first 2026 Community Education presentation - "Button Up New Hampshire". Diane Smith will advertize it in the Rec Department newsletter. Additional topics that could be of interest to residents include: EV vehicles, Heat Pumps, Solar Electric, weatherization, electric rates and questions for likely new CPCNH features such as "time of day rates".

**Clean Energy NH asked Stratham to join a proposed "Letter of Support" for SB538 (titled Enduring Long-Term Value for Municipal Renewable Energy Projects) to be sent to Senator Kevin Avard, Chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The Energy**



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**Commission voted to support the proposed letter contingent on whether the Select Board also approves it. Matt will follow up. This bill extends a 20 year term of eligibility in the 2.0 tariff for “Municipal Group hosts” and other political subdivision energy projects, and removes uncertainty for how long projects are eligible to receive net metering compensation.**

**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 continues to work closely with the key construction people to ensure that energy conservation features are being incorporated. Unital is reviewing design details to support an anticipated rebate which may include: Condensing Boilers, High Efficiency Air Source Heat Pumps, LED Lighting Upgrades, Lighting Controls, Roof Air Sealing, AC Motors for Pumps, and High Efficiency Transformers.**

**Other Topics Resident Luke Hanson has expressed interest in joining the Energy Commission as an Alternate Member. Matt will invite him to join us at our April 14 meeting.**

**Adjourned 6:55 PM**