



TOWN OF
NEWMARKET
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday September 24, 2025 at 7pm

Town Hall, Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Present: Joe Lamattina, Julia Sinclair, Bill Raley, Zach Shollar, George Anderson, Glenn Stevens, Scott MacGrath

Excused: None

Guests: Lyndsay Butler - Town Engineer

Role Call – All members present.

Public Comment opened at 7:03

Chris Blackstone, Spring Street – Current Chair of the Conservation Commission also a Commissioner on the State Department Of Environmental Services Waste Management Commission. Chris stated that she is interested in pursuing ways in which the Conservation Commission can work with the Energy and Environment Committee and The Newmarket School System to promote educational campaigns around issues we may have in common such as recycling. Conservation Commission has already established a working relation with the school, has an intern that attends their meetings. Chris suggested several ideas where we might cooperate, Web Sites, Zoom Meetings, they have volunteers that might be able to help, apparel impact (ie: reuse clothing to keep out of landfills). Chris suggested a possible joint work session between the two groups.

Chris invited the Energy and Environment Committee to have a booth at the next Turtle Fest, scheduled for the Saturday before Mother's Day 2026.

The committee agreed to suspend public comment rules and opened a discussion about recycling apparel with Chris. Fits in with the "Reuse" portion of our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Campaign.

At the request of Glenn, Chris gave an overview on how Turtle Fest 2025 went.

Public Comment closed 7:17pm

Minutes from August 27, 2025

- Motion To Approve – Joe

- Second – George
- All in favor.

Lyndsay gave an update on related town projects.

- Master Plan still being reviewed, Planning Board still reviewing.
- As previously reported Sewell Well project did not make the state priority project list. We are still looking for funding opportunities.
- There was discussion about tax credits going away.
- There was discussion about the Fire Station and DPW Buildings and the ability to add additional solar panels.

There was discussion about having a special meeting with several town councilors who have ideas they would like the Energy and Environment Committee to consider. It was agreed we would do this at the next Energy and Environment Meeting scheduled for October 22nd. Lyndsay will invite parties that she feels are appropriate.

Joe gave an update on Community Power:

- Energy and Environment Committee is also the Electric Aggregation Committee which advises the Town Council on issues related to Newmarket Community Power.
- Reviewed financial status of Community Power Coalition Of NH since go-line in March 2023.
- Significantly drained reserves by close of 2024, forcing rate increases in March and August 2025.
- Currently, Granite Basic (Default Product) is 2 cents higher per KWH compared to Eversource.
- Joe reviewed past and current account numbers - Rate increase has not had a significant impact on accounts opting out of Newmarket Community power.
- Although current rate is 2 cents per KWH higher than Eversource, opinion is Eversource is currently under collecting and will be forced to raise rates with next rate revision scheduled for January 2026.
- Recommendation is to stay with Community Power Coalition for now and continue monitoring rates and account opt-outs/opt-ins.

There was discussion about the recycling campaign. The group reviewed the current solid waste guide Scott was compiling. Scott will continue with his updates. Scott will also contact Casella to see what they might be able to help us with in regards to recycling signage.

Scott gave an update on his contact with the school Net Zero Committee and their School Advisor. At the request of the school advisor Scott will compile some ideas for the Net Zero Committee to consider.

Joe stated the Town Council is scheduled for a Budget Workshop on Saturday October 18th, 9am at the Town Hall. All are invited to attend.

Next meeting Wednesday October 22, 2025 – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.