



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday October 22, 2025 at 7pm

Town Hall, Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

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

Excused: Julia Sinclair

Guests: Lyndsay Butler - Town Engineer, Katrin Kasper – Clean Energy NH, Scott Blackstone – Newmarket Town Council, Sonke Dornblut – Newmarket Town Council

Role Call – Quorum present.

Public Comment opened at 7:03

No members of the public present.

Public Comment Closed at 7:03

Minutes from September 24, 2025

- Motion To Approve – George
- Second – Zach
- All in favor.

Joe informed the committee that there were 3 town council members in attendance which is not a quorum of town council members therefore this is not an illegal town council meeting, however to insure no issues, no formal decisions should be made tonight other than next steps and scheduling our next meeting.

Joe stated that earlier he had been approached by Councilors Blackstone and Dornblut with some suggestions for electric projects. Joe felt it would be better for the whole committee to hear their suggestions thus they were invited to attend tonight, in support of any ideas that might come up Town Engineer Lyndsay Butler invited Katrin Kasper from Clean Energy NH.

Councilors Blackstone and Dornblut were invited to speak.

Councilor Dornblut started the discussion explaining that the Town Council had earlier been apprised of a potential solar project on the current Sewall Well property. The current expectation is that the electricity produced from this project would offset some of the electric usage of the well pumping station but the majority would be exported to the Eversource Grid at a fixed per price. Newmarket would get some monetary benefit but Eversource would likely gain a larger benefit. Before we expend an effort at Sewall Well is there some other place/area in town where we could better utilize solar that gives more benefit to the town. As an example, is there an opportunity to develop something near the school, recreation and police facilities, that are in close proximity to each other, that could better utilize such a project.

Councilor Blackstone stated he would like this committee to bring forth a solar project but he would prefer it to meet a couple of requirements:

- Energy produced be utilized by the town rather than being exported to the Eversource Grid.
- Projects, as much as possible, promote cooperation between town and school facilities.

Katrin Kasper introduced herself.

Lyndsay gave a recap of the Sewall Well Project and where it currently stands. At present it is a much smaller array than what was originally proposed with an expectation that the well pumps would use most of energy that the array produces, and there would be a small amount exported that would result in a net metered credit for the water department, the credit would not be enough to offset all the water dept usage.

Katrin offered the idea that Clean Energy NH is working with a group Solsmart. Solsmart is currently offering free feasibility studies for solar projects.

There was discussion about Oyster Rivers Middle School solar parking canopy as an example and discussion about possible options we could pursue.

There was discussion about vehicles and what types of vehicles that might be viable for switching to electric. Lyndsay to discuss with Katrin.

Katrin gave an overview of types of grants and tax rebates that may be available but timeframes may be tight for some of them.

There was discussion about a potential survey of town residents interested in adding solar panels and identifying possible group purchasing options.

Joe presented the idea of a potential solar canopy on the parcel next to the recreation center on Gordan Ave. Councilor Blackstone stated that parcel is actually HUD property. There was discussions about possible options. Lyndsay stated we currently have a list of potential properties that have been looked at that she can share with the group.

Scott gave an update on recycling, he has started discussions with the High Schools Net Zero Committee, they are more in favor of doing some kind of video around recycling. Will expand upon recycling at our next meeting.

Joe gave an update on Community Power, September financials are positive.

There will be a tour of the Oyster River Middle School Solar Canopy on October 28, 6PM. All members are welcome to attend.

Joe suggested we have a presentation on Group Net Metering for our next meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday November 25, 2025 – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.