



Energy and Environment Advisory Committee

Wednesday April 24, 2026 at 7pm

Town Hall, Auditorium

Meeting Minutes

Present: Joe Lamattina, Julia Sinclair, Scott MacGrath, Bill Raley, Zach Shollar

Excused: Cris Blackstone, George Anderson

Guests: Lyndsay Butler – Town Engineer

Roll Call – Quorum present.

Public Comment opened at 7:03

No members of the public spoke

Public Comment Closed at 7:03

Minutes from 2026-03-25

- Motion to approve – Joe
- 2nd – Julia
- Approved - All voted in favor.

Joe gave an update on Community Power, in March CPCNH sent out 767 mailings to Newmarket residents relating to the upcoming refresh. In March there were 75 accounts that opted out. Newmarket Community Power supplies 58.4% of Newmarket electric accounts.

Joe stated, Newmarket Community Power contracts with the Community Power Coalition of NH for actual electric supply to Newmarket residents. Newmarket Community Power is free to select whomever we want to be the electric supplier. Since Eversource rates are currently cheaper than Community Power rate, would the committee be interested in having a presentation from Freedom Energy at our next meeting. Freedom Energy currently offers rates that are lower than Eversource and Community Power Coalition. The committee agreed. Joe will schedule.

Lyndsay gave an update on the SolSmart Feasibility Studies.

- The study documents are optimistic based on max solar potential for the site vs. what is likely to actually be built. Of the 5 sites it appears the best opportunities are:

- Police facility is a viable option for placing a solar car port canopy.
- School is looking at developing a preliminary design for sports facilities behind the parking lot across from the High School. School and Town are talking on how the town may be involved, recreational trails and possibly some kind of solar project to potentially offset field lighting or overall electric usage.

There was discussion about the Sewell Well solar array, no activity.

There was discussion about RECS (Renewable Energy Credits). Scott asked if Newmarket was getting anything for potential RECS being generated by the towns solar arrays. Lyndsay to talk with the Towns Finance Director about this.

There was discussion about the up coming Turtle Fest event scheduled for May 9th. Energy and Environment will have a table and use the occasion to kick off our Trex, Plastic Bag recycle campaign. Scott reviewed his checklist, no major tasks outstanding.

Next meeting Thursday May 27th – Town Hall Auditorium – 7PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.