

# Minutes of the Peacham Energy Committee – 10 March, 2025

Zoom Meeting hosted in Peacham, VT

## Meeting Information

Event name	Peacham Energy Committee Zoom Meeting
Time	Mar 10, 2025, 07:04 PM - 08:38 PM (EST)
Participants	Charlie Byron (Chair), Tom Bryer, Jock Gill, Neil Monteith

## Meeting notes

- Charlie opened the meeting at 7:04 EST.
- Minutes were approved unanimously at 8:28
- **New members:** Laurie Kozar did not join the Committee.
- **2025 Project Support.** Neil Monteith said he had resigned as Peacham Emergency Coordinator, that Robert Starbuck had taken over the role, and that he was on vacation in Florida. Neil presented the existing Peacham emergency management framework agreed to with Red Cross. We discussed the efficiency Vermont report on the possible options for local power generation. We thank Neil for attending!
- Tom's **WindowDressers** presentation at Town Meeting was warmly received. The Town appropriation to PEC of \$750 was passed. In addition several people approached Tom to expressed interest in getting windows in this year's cycle. Finally, Bess O'Brien is interested in including this year's build in a new documentary she is filming on community support in Vermont. Great work Tom!
- Charlie's draft recruitment posting was agreed with a few changes.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:28

## Next steps

- Jock: Draft questions about microgrid scenarios and share with team members before sending to Josh from Green Mountain Power
- Jock: Follow up with Josh about attending the April meeting
- Jock: Send a note to the Efficiency Vermont report author acknowledging receipt and discussion of the report
- Jock: Send solar array pictures to Charlie for the Facebook recruitment post
- Charlie: Investigate the current solar shares/offtake arrangement between the town and existing solar array by consulting with Rebecca.
- Charlie: Finalize and post the Energy Committee recruitment message on Facebook with a solar array picture

## ***Unapproved***

- Charlie: Research materials from other energy committees
- Neil: Send the Energy Resilience Pathways report to Robert Starbuck
- Neil: Share Robert Starbuck's contact information with Charlie
- Tom: Contact Rebecca about setting up email notifications for Energy Committee correspondence

## **Tabled Items**

1. Tom and Jock will each contact members they know of nearby Energy Committees, to share approaches and priorities, once we are clearer on ours.
2. We will tentatively plan to invite Olivia Anderson, of the Washington Electric Cooperative Board, to attend the May meeting, to discuss prospective projects including micro-grids and the potential to establish all of Peacham as a microgrid in the event of a larger grid failure.
3. Charlie: Add "Contacting members of neighboring Energy Committees" to future agenda
4. Energy Committee: Consider organizing presentations at the library about weatherization and energy efficiency option