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Minutes of the Peacham Energy Committee – 21 January, 2026

Zoom Meeting hosted in Peacham, VT

Time	January 21, 2026, 7:31 PM - 9:02 PM (EST)
Committee Members	Charlie Byron (chair), Bevin Barber-Campbell, Tom Bryer, Bruce Courtot, Jock Gill
Participants	

Summary

The meeting began with technical difficulties being resolved for a Zoom meeting link, followed by an update on Bevin Barber-Campbell's grant application for E-Bike lending (passed!), and then discussions about yesterday's Peacham Planning Commission meeting that discussed 2 upcoming grants for assistance with climate resilience planning.

The group explored various town planning initiatives, including potential community solar projects and volunteer programs, while discussing the importance of updating the town plan and engaging with the Planning Commission. The conversation ended with plans to present community energy assistance programs at an upcoming town meeting and discussions about expanding window dressing services to new areas, along with a decision to move future meetings to 7pm Eastern Time on the second Wednesday of each month.

Committee Priorities

- Complete the rollout of the volunteer energy assistance program
- Make sure WindowDressers has the ongoing support it needs
- Seek opportunities to advance electrification in Peacham, such as a second community solar array/battery system
- Explore collaboration with other groups, including the Planning Commission and Emergency Management in Peacham, and other Energy Committees in the NEK

Next steps

Committee:

- Pass the word on the need for participation from Barnet in the WindowDressers program

Bevin and Bruce:

- Bruce and Bevin: Prepare a presentation about the community energy assistance program for the town meeting on March 3rd

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Bevin :

- Bevin: Contact Tom Galinat to get his perspective on the Climate Economy Resilient Communities program and whether he would want to participate/present the community solar project
- Bevin: Email Anna Rubin to ask about the participation requirements and Planning Commission participation if PEC were to participate in the Climate Economy Resilient Communities program
- Bevin: Email VCRD to inquire about the time commitment for being the community lead in the Climate Economy Resilient Communities program
- Based on Tom's, Anna's, and VCRD's input, decide whether to create a short "placeholder" application for the VCERC grant.
- Bevin: Contact Melissa Hough to be added to the collaborators meeting distribution list

Bruce:

- Bruce: Send out the previously created blurb about the community energy assistance program to PEC
- Bruce: Reach out to Peacham Elementary School about participating in the community energy assistance program

Charlie :

- Charlie: Add discussion of the library meeting with Scott Beck as a major agenda item for the next meeting
- Charlie: Call Steve Isham to discuss liability issues regarding volunteers for the community energy assistance program, and facilitate a conversation between him and Bruce.
Update (CB): Per Isham and Pam Parker (current Chair SJEC) their Committee has not run volunteer-based winterization programs.
- Charlie: Set future PEC meetings for 7pm Eastern time; embed the Zoom link in the email not just the Warning

Jock:

- Jock: Forward links of the Seba and rethink/X papers he referenced to the Committee.