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CONCORD ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEEAC)

MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2025 @ 6:30PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

37 Green Street (2nd Floor) - Concord, NH 03301

Attendees:

Committee Members: Chair Rob Werner, Councilor Stacey Brown, Councilor Jeffrey Foote, Chuck Willing, Thomas Kolling, Joe Kwasnik, Miriah King, Nick Babladelis, Student Representative Elliot Clendenning

Absent Members: Allen Desbiens, Gerald Eaton, Jeffrey Evans,

Staff Present:

Beth Fenstermacher, PLA, LEED AP, Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives
Stephanie McKim, Administrative Coordinator

1. Welcome by Chair Werner

Chair Werner welcomed those in attendance. The Committee made introductions.

2. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Brown and duly seconded by Mr. Willing to adopt the minutes of July 23, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Municipal Project Updates

Solar Project at Landfill (Kearsarge Solar)

Ms. Fenstermacher reported that Unitil is relocating the poles off the landfill, which opens up the landfill for the solar project. She further reported the Planning Board signed off on the plans. The PILOT agreement is on the agenda for public hearing on September 8th City Council meeting. Additionally, the consent report is also on the agenda for the group net metering agreement and lease agreement. If approved, Kearsarge Solar will be granted permission to begin construction.

West Portsmouth Street Solar Project (Lodestar)

Chair Werner reported Lodestar and the City are negotiating the PILOT agreement and this has created a delay. The material for the project has been purchased, however, there are delays receiving the materials. Offtakers have been selected, so once the PILOT agreement has been settled and materials are received this project should begin construction, with hopes to begin in the fall.

4. C-PACE Update

1 **1) Model Ordinance and Background Material**

2 Chair Werner reported James Key-Wallace did share model ordinance and background material and he and Ms.
3 Fenstermacher are reviewing the material. Chair Werner reported a portion of the documents will be shared
4 with the committee for review.

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6 A brief discussion ensued around the C-PACE program documents.

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8 **2) Next Step**

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10 Chair Werner reported the next step is to refer the C-PACE program to City Council for Fiscal Policy Advisory
11 Committee (FPAC) review. Ms. Fenstermacher reported this review process will be concurrent with this committee
12 and if referred, this committee may meet with FPAC to discuss If the C-PACE program aligns with the City's goals.

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14 Councilor Brown made a motion to recommend City Council refer the C-PACE program to FPAC to review the C-PACE
15 documents and consider adoption. This motion was duly seconded by Ms. King. The motion passed unanimously.

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17 **5. COMMUNITY POWER**

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19 **1) Community Power Coalition Policy Update**

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21 Mr. Willing distributed and reviewed a Community Power report to the CEEAC dated August 27, 2025. This report is
22 attached.

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24 Mr. Willing reported the final utility and CPCNH electricity supply rates that took effect August 1 for the Fall 2025
25 (8/1/25-1/31/26) rate period:

	Utility Rates (cents/kwh)	CPCNH Rates (cents/kwh)
27 Eversource territory	11.196	13.419
28 Unitil territory	11.777	13.729
29 Liberty territory	12.420	13.332
30 NHEC territory	11.464	13.238

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32 Mr. Willing reported the "Transactive Energy" project is underway and he has not received a status report.

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35 Mr. Willing reported CPCNH board approved issuance of an RFP for more renewable energy projects this fall under
36 its Annual Solicitation Program to Increase Renewable Energy (ASPIRE). Any solar projects that respond could be
37 structured similarly to Poverty Plains solar project. CPCNH previewed ASPIRE to the public last fall, but CPCNH's
38 final approval and implementation was delayed due to its issues last winter. The RFP is expected to be issued
39 shortly.

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41 A discussion ensued around the transactive energy project, and CPCNH and Unitil rates.

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43 **2) Community Power "Adder" Work group Update**

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45 Postponed to next meeting.

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47 **6. POLICY AND PROJECT UPDATES**

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49 **1) UNH Sustainability Fellow Sustainability Fellow Final Report**

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51 Chair Werner shared the completed final report prepared by Ms. Maggio with the committee members for
52 review. Ms. Fenstermacher reported after review the report will be uploaded to the City website.

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54 A brief discussion ensued around the energy consumption, LED lighting at the City, street lighting, and Ms.
55 Maggio's presentation to City Council.

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4 **2) NH Energy Expo**
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6 Ms. King reported she is seeking topics to discuss at the table for the committee. Additionally, the NH Energy
7 Expo committee are seeking exhibitors, and information on: energy saving programs, tax savings tips, rebates
8 for clean energy etc. that are currently available. Constantly Pizza is a food sponsor.
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10 A discussion ensued around potential topics to discuss at the table, the window dresser program, and potential
11 networking opportunities.
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13 **3) Resilient Building Group Energy Efficiency Programs**
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15 Chair Werner reported he and Ms. Fenstermacher were contacted by the Resilient Buildings Group (RBG)
16 regarding NH Saves programs currently offered to local communities. Chair Werner inquired if there are
17 members of this committee that would be interested in forming a subcommittee to work with RBG to bring
18 awareness of the energy efficiency program to Concord residents. This is an income restrictive program run
19 through RBG and that provides energy efficient upgrades paid for by the utility companies.
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21 Councilor Brown, Mr. Kwasnik, and Mr. Kolling volunteered for the subcommittee.
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23 **7. New Business/Announcements**
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25 Chair Werner reported there are two vacancies on the CEEAC and he nominated Elise Foerster, Energy Project
26 Specialist for ROC Communities at NH Community Loan Fund.
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28 Chair Werner reported there is a national initiative for solar and wind energy on September 21 called Sun Day. There
29 will be an event located at the State House from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and he inquired if members of the committee
30 may be interested in attending to provide information on Concord's energy initiatives.
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32 Mr. Willing reported he planned to attend the event and inquired about putting together a fact sheet on Concord's
33 solar projects at the wastewater treatment plant, Kearsarge Solar, and Lodestar to handout to attendees.
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35 **8. Other Business**
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37 A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kolling and duly seconded by Councilor Brown. The motion passed
38 unanimously.
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40 **9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.
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43 Respectfully Submitted,
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45 Stephanie McKim, Administrative Coordinator
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