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CONCORD ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEEAC)

MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2025 @ 6:00PM

CITY HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

41 Green Street - Concord, NH 03301

Attendees:

Committee Members: Chair Rob Werner, Chuck Willing, Thomas Kolling, Joe Kwasnik, Miriah King, Nick Babladelis, Elise Foerster
 Student Representative Elliot Clendenning

Absent Members: Councilor Stacey Brown, Councilor Jeffrey Foote, Jeffrey Evans, Gerald Eaton, Allen Desbiens

Staff Present:

Beth Fenstermacher, PLA, LEED AP, Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives

Public:

none

The meeting was called to order by Chair Werner at 6:00 pm. Ms. Foerster was welcomed as a new member appointed at the November Council meeting.

1. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Willing and duly seconded by Mr. Kolling to adopt the minutes of October 22, 2025. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Babladelis abstaining.

2. Municipal Project Updates

West Portsmouth Street Solar Project (Lodestar)

Chair Werner reported that there will be a groundbreaking that he has organized with Sam Evans Brown (Clean Energy NH) and Lodestar on December 15th at 2 pm. They have invited the Governor and State legislators. The Mayor will speak at the event. Ms. Fenstermacher inquired if the speech could include information about the City's solar project at the Old Turnpike Road landfill being developed by Kearsarge. That project is on the same schedule, and two separate groundbreaking ceremonies didn't seem appropriate. Chair Werner will provide talking points to Mayor Champlin, and will include information about the Landfill project.

Solar Project at Landfill (Kearsarge Solar)

Ms. Fenstermacher reported that equipment was being delivered starting last week, and construction of the pads will be weather dependent.

3. C-PACE Update

Ms. Fenstermacher reported Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) and Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee (FPAC) will review at their January meetings. Chair Werner inquired if FPAC would like to invite

1 James Key Wallace to present. He will follow up directly with Mr. Lebrun, the City's Deputy City Manager –
2 Finance who staffs the FPAC committee.

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4 Mr. Kwasnik referenced recent news of several commercial properties changing hands, and suggested this would
5 be a good opportunity to reach out to new property owners to provide information on the C-PACE program.

6 7 **COMMUNITY POWER**

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9 Mr. Willing distributed and reviewed a Community Power report to the CEEAC dated December 3, 2025. This report
10 is attached. He reported that at the upcoming Board meeting they will be voting on the extension of the Calpine
11 contract to provide Load Serving Entity services. In addition, the Board is negotiating a revolving line of credit to
12 replace the current high rates through Calpine. The Board will also be voting to award the next solar project through
13 the ASPIRE program, which will be located in North Conway in Eversource territory.

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15 Mr. Willing reported that the next round of new rates will be released by the 3rd week in December.

16 17 **1) Community Power Coalition Refresh Policy Update**

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19 Mr. Willing reported that CPCNH has provided additional information around the refresh policy. The next account
20 refresh will occur in March 2026, and member communities need to give instruction on whether or not to participate.
21 The deadline is December 31st to indicate whether communities would like to pause refreshes, or give guidance on
22 conditions for a refresh. If the latter, communities will have to respond by January 31st with specific instructions.
23 There was discussion among the Committee about the pros/cons of the refresh. Pro is that the refresh builds upon
24 the customer base which is financially healthier for CPCNH. Cons are potentially sweeping people in to higher rates,
25 and this decision could be considered politically charged. However, people will have an opportunity to opt out.

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27 A brief discussed ensued around what recommendation to the City Manager, who is the Authorized Official per the
28 CPCNH member documents. Some members of this committee felt that the City should do the refresh no matter the
29 rate; others felt there should be conditions placed that the City do the refresh only if the rate is equal to, or within 1-2
30 cents of the utility rate. Ms. Fenstermacher will speak to the City Manager and relay the discussion to help inform his
31 decision.

32 33 34 **4. RESILIENT BUILDINGS GROUP ENERGY EFFICIENCY COLLABORATION**

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36 Chair Werner reported that RBG reached out to the utilities and they are on board for the weatherization project
37 relaunch. He will reach out to the subcommittee to schedule a meeting after the 1st of the year.

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45 Chair Werner reported that additional information has come out regarding the New England Heat Pump Accelerator
46 grant program. Ms. Fenstermacher will forward a link to the recorded webinar.

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50 Mr. Kolling reported the Window Dressers program was a great success, with 199 windows inserts constructed and
51 distributed to residents. He encourages others to get involved in future Window Dressers opportunities.

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53 Mr. Kolling reported the "living lab" transactive energy project that is underway and equipment will be installed at
54 his home within the next few weeks.

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56 Ms. Foerster reported that she will be attending the upcoming PUC meeting.

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2 **8. Next meeting:**
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4 January 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM.
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6 A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kolling and duly seconded by Ms. Foerster. The motion passed unanimously.
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8 **9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.
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13 Beth Fenstermacher, Director of Special Projects and Strategic Initiatives
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