**Town of Swanzey, NH**
**Swanzey Energy Commission**
**Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2025**

*Note: Draft minutes are subject to review, correction and approval by the Committee. Review and approval of minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.*

**Call to Order—**The meeting of the Swanzey Energy Commission was called to order at 2:07 pm by Chair Audette. Present: Bob Audette, Barbara Skuly, Cheri Domina, Steve Russell

**Minutes**

Skuly made a motion to approve the April 21 minutes. Russell seconded. All in favor. Approved.

**Business**

**Discussed Emily Manns departure** from Standard Power

**SolSmart—**Russell said he compared our proposed ordinance draft to SolSmart template, and "we are on the money." He mentioned they have a checklist and template online and instructions on how to get certified. Skuly said she wasn't sure we need to go to that level. She wondered why SolSmart did not review our draft themselves; she thought that was part of their services. Russell said he'd talk to Stephon Mehu againabout it. Audette said he'd talk to Keene's Energy Planner Mari Brunner (they are Gold SolSmart members). Members will review Swanzey's proposed ordinance at our next meeting. When can we take it to the Planning Board?

**Community Power Contract—**Audette said he and Patrick Roche will speak to Selectmen at Wednesday's meeting. Town Administrator should authorize the contract; we have not seen it. Audette said May 18 is the current bid date.

Questions: Will the Community Power Program send out notices of new rates? Who and how? Will there be a post on the CP web page? We should review the CP plan's requirements for notification.

**Town Fleet**—Audette asked interim town admin. for fleet report, but hasn't gotten it. The grant we discussed last month is only for diesel vehicle replacement. It's good for school buses, but Russell said First Student is replacing buses in urban areas first. They are based in TX. He spoke to City of Keene re: their street sweepers, but they contract that out now. If Swanzey had light diesel vehicles to replace we might qualify for the grant. There are no electric sidewalk tractors yet, Russell said. Skuly suggested we talk to Joe DiRusso directly instead of going thru the new Town Admin. Russell will look for a fleet list; will talk to DiRusso and police dept. re: vehicles. Trump Administration has suspended the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program.

**Clean Energy Round Table** is May 26 at Stonewall Farm. Audette will go.

**Energy Audits—**Stratton Library is moving along. Mehu was going to talk to Jesse Duston. He suggested Stratton apply to LCHIP to fix their moisture issues (missed April 30 deadline). We have Carpenter Home and Whitcomb Hall reports now. Is Eversource paying for repairs? Need to ask Jesse Duston. An Aerobarrier system is recommended for WH. Do we want to compete with Stratton Library for LCHIP

funds? Do we need a Whitcomb Hall task force? Does WH have a budget? Discussed potential energy savings. Skuly said she sent all docs to the new Town Admin. Do we need to sit down and talk to her? Skuly willing to meet with her. She also sent the Carpenter Home report to Allyce Romaneck of Honeybee Hollow Childcare Center. We should ask her which improvements might have the biggest impact for her. Would DPW do the repairs? DiRusso should have input. Skuly will follow up with Duston, Mehu, new Town Admin.

**Next meeting:** June 9, 1 pm  Agenda: Community power plan—new rates and PR, audits, solar ordinance, roundtable.

**Adjournment:** Russell moved, Audette seconded, all in favor, adjourned 3:10 pm.

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