

TOWN OF SUNAPEE NH
FINAL ENERGY AGGREGATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1-14-26

Location – Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance:

Committee Members: Catherine Bushueff, Doug Hanson, Dave Munn, and Bette Nowack

Town Administration attendee: Shannon Martinez, Town Manager and Sue Gottling, Select Board member.

Doug Cogan, Clean Energy NH

Public attendees: Jim Williams

Meeting time – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

1. Minutes from the November 12, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. There were no minutes for December 2025 because the meeting was canceled.
3. There was a discussion regarding the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) new rates for February through July 2026 which came out in December. The new residential rate is 14.663 cents per kilowatt. PUC ruling has not finalized Eversource rate yet because PUC wants Eversource reconciliation with previous rates. Unlikely for Eversource rates to be higher than CPCNH for the February 1- August 1 period, so Sunapee is unlikely to launch Community Power in Spring 2026. The Sunapee Town website Community Power page has been updated with the new CPCNH rates.
4. There was a discussion regarding the proposed solar ordinance. It will be discussed at the deliberative session on February 3, but cannot be edited at that time. It will be important to make sure people understand the definition of a commercial solar energy system. Basically, it does not allow a large solar energy system “solar farm” to be constructed. Commercial systems must be less than ½ acre and provide energy for the on-site facility, not generate energy for off-site sale. A system similar to the Warner 20-acre 5 MW solar array could not be constructed in Sunapee under the proposed ordinance.
5. There was an update on the status of the WWTP Solar project. The project has been pre-approved for a CWSRF loan with NHDES. Sunapee is working closely with NHDES and ReVision Energy so that we can qualify for the CWSRF loan and get the \$250,000 loan forgiveness, as well as the federal 30% Direct Pay incentive. The next step will be for voters to approve the warrant article.
6. There was a discussion regarding holding public education sessions for the Solar Ordinance and the WWTP Solar Project. It was decided that it would be good to have a handout to distribute before deliberative session, and then hold an information session at the library after the deliberative session. We will try to schedule it for a Saturday morning and plan to have some of the W&SC members attend.

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7. Doug Cogan of CENH offered to provide some information on solar arrays at other towns in NH. He noted that there are 16 other towns in NH with solar arrays at WWTPs to defray electric costs. Doug will send statistics for us to use for public education.
8. There was a discussion regarding changing the schedule for future meetings. It was decided that future meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month starting in February. The next meeting will be on February 25 at 5:30. In the meantime, we can set up a working session to plan public education events, if necessary.
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.