

**SUNAPEE SELECTBOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 2, 2026
6:30 PM - TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM**

1. **CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **REVIEW & APPROVE FEBRUARY 23rd MEETING MINUTES**
3. **REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:**

USE OF FACILITIES

- Use of Safety Services Building – April 8, 2026 – 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM – NH Strategic Highway Safety Plan Region 2 Summit, VHB/NHDOT

CHECK MANIFESTS & INVOICE BATCHES

- General Fund – \$1,210,226.77
- Hydro Fund – \$1,478.00
- Water Department – \$10,762.22
- Special Recreation Fund – \$11,365.00
- Grants Fund – \$2,459.29

Town Manager Martinez has reviewed and certified that the listed manifests, totaling \$1,236,291.28, represent valid and properly processed charges for goods and/or services received by the Town of Sunapee. These charges have been verified as appropriate prior to submission to the Selectboard.

APPROVED LAND USE PERMITS: Since the last Selectboard meeting, four (4) permits were approved, including 2 General CZCs and 2 Short-Term Registrations.

4. **APPOINTMENTS:**
 - **6:35 PM** – Recreation Department, Steve Bourque

Note: Appointment times listed on this agenda are approximate. Start and end times may vary. Participants and attendees are advised to plan accordingly.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
6. **SELECTBOARD ACTION:**
 - **Discuss SB538 Support Letter**
 - **Acceptance and Expenditure of Unanticipated Revenue** – Community Donations to the Town of Sunapee Food Pantry – \$20 – in the form of gift cards

- **Sign Lessee Resolution (Exhibit E) for 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Vehicle**

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

- 250th Celebration Expenses
- Sunapee Harbor Dock Replacement Considerations
- Georges Mills Boat Launch Grant Update
- Selectboard Meeting Calendar

8. SELECTBOARD MEMBERS' REPORT:

- Initial Discussions
 - Housing Challenges
 - Harbor Parking

9. 7:30 PM – HONOR & RECOGNIZE CHAIR GOTTLING FOR 15+ YEARS OF SERVICE

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- March 3: Energy Aggregation Committee Informational Session – 4:30 PM
- March 4: Conservation Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
- March 5: Highway Safety Committee Meeting – 9:00 AM
- March 7: Energy Aggregation Committee Informational Session – 1:00 PM
- March 10: Town Meeting Voting – 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- March 12: Planning Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
- March 16: Selectboard Meeting – 6:30 PM
- March 18: Recreation Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- March 19: Board of Firewards Meeting – 6:30 PM
- March 24: Abbott Library Trustees Meeting – 5:00 PM

Record #	Record Type	Owner Name	Address	Approval Dates	Project Description	Permit Status
CZC-26-4556	Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) Application	FLANAGAN, JOHN G ROBERTS, SUSAN B	53 WESTWOOD RD, NH 03782	3/2/2026	INSTALLATION OF 14 KW GENERATOR	Granted
CZC-26-4557	Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) Application	SOUP CAN, LLC	130 HAMEL RD, NH 03782	3/2/2026	INSTALLATION OF 14 KW GENERATOR	Granted
STR-25-2	Short-Term Rental Registration Application	Carys Falco	123 EDMONT RD, NH 03782	3/2/2026		Renewed
STR-26-6	Short-Term Rental Registration Application	PEACOCK INVESTMENT TRUST C/O DAVID B. CAMPBELL, TRUSTEE	15 LAKE AVE, NH 03782	3/2/2026		Granted

Senator Kevin Avar, Chair
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
New Hampshire State House
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Support for SB538 – Ensuring Long-Term Value for Municipal Renewable Energy Projects

Dear Chairman Avar and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned communities, we write in strong support of SB538, which extends a 20-year term of eligibility in the net metering 2.0 tariff for “municipal group hosts” and other political subdivision energy projects. Net metering is the cornerstone of the economics of these projects because it allows project owners to get credit for the excess energy they send back to the grid. Without a guarantee that they’ll continue to receive compensation at a predictable rate after 2040, banks, investors, and developers are reluctant to build these projects. For New Hampshire municipalities, school districts, and counties, local renewable energy generation delivers predictable revenue and savings, budget relief, and long-term cost control for taxpayers.

For example, a 5 MW AC solar array is currently under construction in Concord and will supply power to multiple state, school, and municipal facilities signed on as “oftakers” for the project. During its first 15 years in operation, this project will offset over \$1 Million in state and municipal electricity costs, generate more than \$1 Million in new tax revenue for the City of Concord, and invest over \$1 million in local electrical grid improvements. The project will also generate lease income for the private property owner providing the site for this project.

These benefits are not speculative. They are stable, predictable, measurable, and flow directly into municipal budgets, school operating costs, and the local economy. This has a direct benefit for local tax-payers.

The net metering 2.0 tariff for “municipal group hosts” allows a municipality, school district, county, or other political subdivision to build a renewable energy project on one site and use some of that generated power to offset electricity bills at other public facilities. On a small scale, this means an oversized array on the roof of a town hall can generate power for the fire station across town. On a large scale, multiple communities can collaborate to establish a single multi-megawatt solar array rather than multiple smaller arrays, as in the Concord example cited above. Projects can be located on public or private land, as long as the energy is credited to electric meters owned by political subdivisions.

However, uncertainty around how long projects are eligible to receive net metering compensation is fast becoming the single largest barrier to more municipal renewable energy projects like these going forward.

As documented in [testimony submitted by Clean Energy NH in support of SB538](#), solar developers have already abandoned at least 274 MW of large scale solar projects in New Hampshire, and 12 solar companies have exited

the state entirely due to the lack of bankable term certainty. With no guarantee of how compensation after 2040 will be structured and a shrinking payback period, banks and developers are unwilling to invest in these projects.

The result of this lack of certainty represents a lost opportunity on the order of 40–50 large scale projects statewide. For New Hampshire communities, that means \$120-\$150 Million in lost municipal property tax revenue, lease income for landowners, and electricity savings.

For the communities listed below, and for municipalities across New Hampshire, this bill is about protecting local revenue, reducing long-term energy costs, and ensuring that more viable projects can proceed for the benefit of taxpayers.

We respectfully urge the Committee to recommend SB538, Ought to Pass, and to give municipalities the clarity they need to responsibly plan, finance, and benefit from local energy projects.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

On behalf of the [Governing Body or Energy Committee]

[Municipality Name]

[Name]

[Title]

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