



ESSEX ENERGY COMMITTEE

A G E N D A:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 @7:00pm, 81 Main Street, Essex Junction

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	VIA PHONE
Link Here (or go to Zoom App) Meeting ID: 862 4719 7888 Passcode: 024651	Dial: +1 888-788-0099 Meeting ID: 862 4719 7888 Passcode: 024651

ADMINISTRATIVE

In attendance: Will Dodge, chair, Shawn McNamara, staff representative, Geetha Ganesan, Dottie Bergendahl, Katie Horne, Rod Williams, Natalee Braun

- A. Approval of Minutes from 09/10/2025: minutes approved
- B. Vacancies Update: one vacancy remaining:

SUBSTANTIVE

1. Community Day Tabling from September 20th – Lessons Learned: limited number of attendees but some positive conversations Action item: plan to participate again next year
2. Essex Board Handbook and Appendix – Required Discussion on Comments to Provide Back to SB – See attachments: members considered the comments Will made on the document and revised as needed. Action item: Will will forward the comments to the town as agreed upon by all members.
3. Work Plan for 2026: Discussion of potential template for developing our 2026 work plan. Items for inclusion: Active Transportation Plan, Town Charter, information table at town meeting day, tabling at Champlain Valley Fair and Community Day, building out EV charging infrastructure, exploring/promoting balcony solar options, advising on the new municipal complex building plan including obtaining expert consultation re: inclusion of a thermal energy network Action Item: Will will forward to committee members the template he creates
4. Enhanced Energy Plan Discussion – Link via [GoogleDocs](#) – Work Group Concept
5. [Active Transportation Plan](#) -- September 30th : Completing Survey [here](#): Dottie and Natalee attended the open house for the plan and committee members were directed to the linked survey to offer their opinions. Action item: Shawn will reach out to Katherine Sonnick to request that she attend our next meeting for discussion of how our committee can contribute to the plan (e.g., energy efficient lighting for the proposed bike/ped transportation network)
6. Funding Priorities / Asks for 2026 Action Item: Budget inquiry - Shawn will respond to an inquiry from the TEN consultant to learn about current payback plans, etc.

7. Other Business: Dottie recommended a Humanities Council book for committee members to read. Action Item: Dottie will make available several copies of the books to committee members. Will presented information from Greg Morgan regarding volunteering with the Window Dressers (WD) build in late October. Committee members were encouraged to review the WD website. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

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