



ESSEX ENERGY COMMITTEE

A G E N D A:

Wednesday, November 12, 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

In attendance: Will Dodge, Chair, Shawn McNamara, Town Representative, Dottie Bergendahl, Rod Williams, Geetha Ganesan, Natalee Braun

ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Public to be heard
- B. Approval of Minutes from 10/08/2025: approved unanimously
- C. Vacancies Update: consideration given to offering an internship to a high school or college student - would this be a STEM internship through Essex High School (one semester) or actual membership on the EEC or some other variation on EEC participation

Action Item: Geetha will contact the teacher at Essex High School to explore options

SUBSTANTIVE

- 1. [Active Transportation Plan](#) -- Discussion / Input with Katherine Sonnick

Action Item: members will wait for information from Kent Johnson, Town Planner, in regards to the Active Transportation Plan

- 2. Response to Feedback on Handbook -

Action Item: Will will resend the registration information for VLTC

- 3. Work Plan for 2026: See attached template

Action Item: Shawn will inquire about the deadline for submission of the Energy Plan for consideration for adoption at Town Meeting. Discussion followed around the various community partners and their potential as collaborators and/or event participants.

Action Item: Will will forward the Work Plan to Greg Duggan, Town Manager and the organizations listed in the document

- 4. Enhanced Energy Plan Discussion – Link via [GoogleDocs](#) – Work Group Concept

Action Item: Dottie will review the plan for the initial round of clarifications and revisions. Will and Rod will then use Dottie's comments to further refine the document for presentation to the Selectboard

- 5. Funding Priorities / Asks for 2026 [Shawn to provide update]

Action Item: Shawn will provide the breakdown for energy usage in select sectors of municipal functioning (fuel usage and gas and electric for all municipal buildings)

6. Unsworth Property: Picking up where we left off with solar consultants:

Action Item: Geetha and Will plan to contact Katie Adams, Asst. to the Town Manager regarding this issue

7. Items of Note for Brief Discussion

- a. Drive Electric Vermont Webinar: November 18 at 6:30pm:

<https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/04SICIYv2lfOmXnkHGfWuz2WgZ?domain=click.ngpvan.com>

- b. Review of Energy Action Network Progress Report:

<https://url.us.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/Ln6aCNkEYghVJXA5tmfguymWau?domain=eanvt.org/>

Action Item: committee members are encouraged to attend the Drive Electric webinar and review the EAN Progress Report

8. Other Business

Action Item: Dottie will bring "The Light Pirate" book to the December meeting and we will plan an informal book discussion among committee members in January 2025

9. Next meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2025 @7:00 pm in the upstairs conference room at the Essex Town Hall