



ESSEX ENERGY COMMITTEE

A G E N D A:

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 @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, Katie Shattuck, Rod Williams, Dottie Bergendahl, Shawn McNamara, staff representative, Natalee Braun, Liam, EHS senior, Troop 635, Colin, Liam's brother, senior at Drexel University

ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Approval of Minutes from 01/14/2026 - approved unanimously
- B. Administrative SNAFUs with last meeting

SUBSTANTIVE

1. Feedback and Action Items Following Town Meeting Results / AI Assessment of Effective Activities by Energy Committees

Action Item: Shawn will look into the possibility of grants or incentives for TENS (Thermal Energy Network Systems) development of Upper Main Street

Action Item: contact Vermont Thermal Energy Networks (VTEN) for a return visit to continue the discussion around TENS for Upper Main Street

Action Item: Natalee will contact VTEN regarding availability for a meeting in April or May 2026. Discussion to include real-world examples of TENS (in and outside VT) and ways of illustrating the cost difference between TENS for individual buildings and that of a networked system for multiple buildings. Representatives from the Community Dvlp office and Santec would join the conversation.

2. Enhanced Energy Plan Discussion – Link via [GoogleDocs](#)

Action Item: Will will make several changes to the Enhanced ENergy Plan (EEP) as discussed by committee members

Action Item: Will will ask Ann Janda to move the Land Use Regulations to Roman Numeral IV and request that she contact the Town of Essex Planning Commission about what their priorities are in the EEP.

Action Item: Will will share with the town manager and Ann Janda the research he conducted online via Perplexity outlining Town of Essex energy usage in the areas of gasoline, electricity and natural gas. This is with the thought that we could include this information in the EEP.

3. Student Committee Member / Internship Update

Action Item: Katie will reach out to Geetha to see where we stand with adding a student EEC member

Action Item: Natalee will reach out to the EHS student interested in the work of the EEC

4. Developing RFQ for Solar Advisor re: Unsworth Parcel / Status of RFP for Energy Developer

Action Item: Will invites Renewable Energy Vermont (REV) representative John Dowds to speak with the EEC about the Unsworth parcel and RFB

Action Item: Shawn has identified the Sand Hill park/pool as a priority site for a bank of four EV chargers and will connect with Ann Janda about this.

5. Book Discussion – *The Light Pirate* (previously scheduled for March 21) – Details and Prep:

Action Item: Shawn will forward a related article. New EEC discussion date is 4/18/26 from 2 - 4:00

6. Other Business: next meeting April 15, 2025 - tentatively.

Action Item: Shawn will check to see if the town hall room is available on 4/15.