

Lyme Energy Committee Meeting
June 8, 2026; 6:00 p.m.
Minutes, Approved

- 1) Meeting Convened 6:00. Jim Nourse, Scott Barthold, Richard Trefren, Mike Novello, present
- 2) Minutes for 5/11/26 meeting reviewed and approved.
- 3) **Updates:**
 - a) Paperwork for **Lyme Library 's Heat Pump Rebate** is completed; expect to receive rebate shortly so this project is essentially closed.
 - b) **Lyme School PV**. Brett has the correct guy at Revision to look into inverter replacement, no action to date.
- 4) Jim Nourse and Scott Barthold reported on Vital Communities Energy Committee Roundtable dinner/presentation. It was an excellent forum for interchanging ideas and included an informative presentation by Matt Christie (Strafford) on recent heat pump advances and integration strategies. Round table discussions included:
 - a) Patio/Plug-in solar. Bill Stearns (Lebanon) is willing to come discuss. Approval for VT is 7/1 and NH is 1/1/2027 but equipment requires UL approval. A UL standard has been developed but as far as Mike knows, no equipment is currently qualified. This will likely change soon.
 - b) Heat Pump. Matt Christie expounded on training materials available from their work for NYSERDA (<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Clean-Energy-Workforce-Development-and-Training/Resources>). He also affirmed that heat pumps and EV's do not require 100 amp panel upgrades in most cases, and mentioned ConnectDER (direct EV charging, load shedding) which installs at the meter as an option to panel upgrades when necessary.
- 5) Jim Nourse expounded on Clean Energy NH resources, including the materials provided in the agenda, and suggested that we utilize their guidance/information in the future. Three useful links below....

Local Energy Briefing (options summary)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oTi7ZNtYk3Pw06P_6cGjIVrPXTGzc7QTD0Rbr2tjWbs/edit?usp=drive_link

Municipal Energy Options Checklist)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QSHiJtkXNca8YWF0Wu6GkYoW6BddYbXv5RqrJzRcecg/edit?usp=drive_link

Regional Energy Committees with list of projects/priorities)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19QLJ40tqlzU1CF26c_ZvXDjZipMGWILwxwc_mwPYii4/edit?usp=drive_link

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- 6) Some general discussion ensued about how to revisit the mandate of the warrant article and spur actions/considerations by the town towards that end.
- 7) It was decided to wait to identify 2026-27 project focus until more members were present, but general discussion was had on:
 - a) Potential plug-in power demonstration unit in concert with the Lyme School students to research and present benefits. Scott Barthold suggested that potentially some funding for this could come from \$1,700 CCL fund that was originally earmarked for weatherization. Mike will discuss this potential with Brian Betournay at the Lyme School. Jim will contact Mant Copeland or Kym Williams about whether the \$1,700 weatherization funding could be used for this plug in solar purpose.
 - b) NH HEAR –**Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program** is scheduled for Summer 2026. Provides significant rebates for households earning up to 150% of area median income. Scott suggested that this should be publicized; Mike suggested Listserv post. <https://www.energy.nh.gov/funding-opportunities/funding-opportunities-homeowners/home-electrification-and-appliance-rebates>. Richard will further investigate status/details.
 - c) Reintroducing electric vehicle information/encouragement for town vehicles.
 - d) Energy coaching programs similar to what is being done in Monadnock Sustainability Hub (<https://monadnocksustainabilityhub.org/hub-energy-coaching/>) or Addison County, VT [Energy Navigators](#). These programs use trained volunteers to help homeowners navigate sustainable energy options and inform about rebate programs.
- 8) Meeting adjourned 7:15 PM; next meeting 8/10 or 9/14. Jim will poll members for availability before selecting date.

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