

Wallingford Energy Committee
Approved Minutes for Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2026
5:30 PM at 75 School Street
Wallingford VT Town Hall

Present: D. Blodgett, K. Welch, J. White, T. Fort

Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None

Approve Minutes of March 3rd Meeting - Unanimously approved

Public Comments - None

Town Solar Array

- Federal tax credits: Submitted by Town Clerk and currently in IRS review
- Generated energy allocation across sites: Will re-assess with April bills.
- Potential future solar array expansion: Roof mounted array would exert slightly less than 4psf (consideration for sand shed planning).

Town Hall Windows and Doors

- A local window vendor provided cost estimates for Town Hall interior storm windows that could be removed (higher cost) as well as ones that cannot be removed (lower cost). Town Hall employees prefer to have the ability to open windows in Spring and Fall so permanent storm windows on the 1st floor will not be an option.
- A potentially less costly storm window option would be “Window Dressers”, which is a non-profit that helps residents or communities build their own storm windows. The closest workshop is in Londonderry.
- Interior sealing with caulk is another low-cost option for windows that will never be opened. Any large gaps that cannot be effectively caulked could be supplemented with backer rod.
- The Committee reviewed windows at the landing to the 2nd floor and believe that the gap between windows and landing will not be an issue because the basement is fully insulated and communication equipment at that end of the basement generates significant heat.
- The Committee will provide a summary of options and costs to the Selectboard, along with a recommendation.
 - Unless a grant can be leveraged to off-set interior storm window cost, WEC will recommend interior sealing of windows that do not need to be opened. Note that many are currently not operational

due to being painted shut from the outside. Large 2nd floor windows at the landing will be difficult to reach with standard ladders and may require professional contractor if sealing is needed.

- Installation of a low-cost alarm on the rear door that alerts Town Hall staff if the door remains open after a set time period will also be recommended.

Energy Coaching Network Webinar

- The Energy Action Network held an Energy Coaching Network webinar on 4/7/26 to provide information on volunteer energy coaching. Coaches add value through communication/education and project management.
- Primary services that would be provided to residents include:
 - Translating technical information from experts
 - Talk through project scope and next steps
 - Help apply for rebates, grants, and other programs
 - Help call contractors and interpret reports and quotes
 - Communicate personal stories to help residents feel more comfortable adopting the new technologies
- Volunteers need to be trained in several areas:
 - Social skills to navigate a variety of home situations
 - Communication skills to present options, benefits, and costs
 - Up to date training on technologies and building science
 - Funding options and other evolving programs/opportunities
- The Committee discussed possible approaches for Wallingford and agreed to define specifics as part of the broader WEC action to, “Develop and implement a plan to inform Wallingford residents, businesses, and organizations on weatherization, prudent electrification, and conservation (2026-2027)”.

Open Meeting Law Training

- A training video updating the latest information on Open Meeting Law was circulated for committee review.

EV Chargers

- The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) is issuing RFP’s to charging providers to expand the network of public EV chargers in Vermont. AOT’s pre-qualified charging providers are looking to connect with property owners to become EV charging site hosts. Retail locations and municipal properties are also viable locations.

- Prospective site hosts enroll via an online Site Host Survey link (<https://argc.is/1evL5j1>) and then EV charging providers may reach out to gain more detailed information on proposed sites.
- Sites should be within 3 miles of Route 7 and have 24hr access with dusk-to-dawn lighting and reliable cell phone service.
- Each site will have 4 EV ports and therefore should have enough space for 5 parking spaces (including 1 ADA compliant site) plus electrical infrastructure.
- Legal agreement between site host and charging provider defines multiple parameters including; the term, ownership, payment structure, maintenance, and customer service.
- The Committee discussed several potential options and decided to present the opportunity to Family Dollar.

Town Energy Plan

- Draft Energy Chapter of the broader Wallingford Municipal Plan has been updated by the Committee and will be forwarded to RRPC and WPC for consideration.

New business from the floor - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:00.

Next meeting will be 5:30pm at the Wallinford Town Hall on May 5, 2026