

Wallingford Energy Committee
Draft Minutes for Tuesday, May 5, 2026
5:30 PM at 75 School Street
Wallingford VT Town Hall

Members Present: K. MacLauchlan, K. Welch, D. Blodgett, J. White, T. Fort
Others Present: G. Mayer (Selectboard Liaison)

Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None

Approve Minutes of April 7th Meeting - Unanimously approved

Public Comments - None

Town Solar Array

- Federal tax credits
 - Town Clerk is responding to the most recent IRS request for additional changes to our submission. Given the time constraint of receiving credits this fiscal year (6/30/26), if the IRS does not issue the funds soon, Sen. Sanders' staff will be contacted for assistance in ushering our submission through the federal process.
- Generated energy allocation across municipal sites
 - The most recent municipal site energy bills were reviewed to determine the percentage of energy used across the different sites. Based on the most recent data, the Town Solar Array Group System Allocation with GMP will be adjusted to the following: 35% Town Hall main circuit, 35% Town Hall siren circuit, 18% Town Garage, 10% Transfer Station, 1% Rec Fields, 1% Elfin Lake. Another round of adjustments will be calculated prior to the Fall.

Town Hall Windows and Doors

- Options to reduce air leakage through windows and doors at Town Hall were reviewed with Selectboard. The Selectboard is investigating grants for potential replacement of windows with historically accurate new windows. In parallel, Ken will obtain estimates on interior sealing in case a new window grant is not awarded.
- As an update to last month's minutes, we anticipate that the gap between windows and the landing leading to the 2nd floor will not need to be closed given that the basement is fully insulated and the telecommunications equipment at that end of the basement generates significant heat.

- An alarm will be purchased with the remaining Energy Committee budget to alert Town Hall staff if/when the rear door does not close properly.

EV Chargers

- Given the V-Trans program's requirement for 24hr lighting, Family Dollar will be the only Wallingford site pursued for EV charging. Tom will contact the corporate Real Estate division to communicate details of the program and inquire about interest.

Town Energy Plan(s)

- The Energy chapter with Energy Committee edits was forwarded to RRPC and WPC for inclusion in the updated Wallingford Municipal Plan.

New business from the floor

- LHMP: Tom will forward Local Hazard Mitigation Plan survey to committee members for their input.
- Municipal Energy: Glenn will contact the Road Commissioner to arrange the best time for a walk-through of the Town Garage with the goal being to identify opportunities to reduce energy costs (weatherization, heating, cooling, etc.).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Next meeting will be 5:30pm at the Wallingford Town Hall on June 2, 2026.