

Wallingford Energy Committee
Draft Minutes for Tuesday, August 4, 2026
5:30 PM at 75 School Street
Wallingford VT Town Hall

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

Others Present: G. Mayer (Selectboard Liaison)

- Additions/Deletions to Agenda - None
- Approve Minutes of July 7 Meeting - Unanimously approved
- Public Comments - None
- Town Solar Array
 - Federal tax credits are still in the processing queue at the IRS.
- Town Hall Windows
 - Requirements Discussed:
 - Bottom sashes of 5 first floor windows (as defined by Town Hall Staff) must be operational
 - All windows in Town Hall must be fully closed with no air gaps during the heating and cooling seasons
 - Options Discussed:
 - Sealing: Seal all sashes shut from the inside except for the lower sashes of the five first-floor windows that need to remain operational.
 - Ken met with a contractor at the Town Hall to get a cost estimate for the sealing approach. An estimate is expected soon.
 - Restore: Anne Awad notified the Committee of a Vermont Historic Preservation grant for up to \$40k (\$20k grant with \$20k Town match).
 - If this grant is pursued and awarded, the plan would be to prioritize windows that are both inoperable and partially open, followed by restoration of any additional windows that can be repaired under the limitations of the grant. Additional town funds would most likely be needed to either restore or seal any other remaining windows that cannot be completed with grant funds.
 - A contractor that is working with the Gilbert Hall Library could potentially be a viable option for the restoration approach.
 - Some concerns with the restoration option were raised:
 - Since many windows are painted/fixed in their current positions from the outside (some fully closed and some partially open), any restoration work would require using a lift to remove the storm windows and free the sashes from the exterior. This could be quite expensive and would be

above and beyond the cost of repairs to the sashes, cords, weights, and frames. Although we do not have cost estimates, based on experience of the committee, it is believed that the \$40k limit would not cover all of the windows. In which case, we may need to seal the remaining windows or use additional town funds to complete the full restoration.

- Given that Option 2 would restore the current windows rather than replace them with more energy efficient models, we would not expect greater energy savings with Option 2 than with Option 1.
 - Following much discussion, consensus of the Committee was that Option 1 would be a much more cost effective approach for the town.
 - The plan is to review the sealing estimate at the next EC meeting and then discuss options and recommendations with the Selectboard.
- Wallingford Day EV Display (Debrief)
 - Two EV's were displayed at Wallingford Day. Pop-up boards were also used to get community input on Local Hazard Mitigation Planning and climate resilience.
 - A sign will be added next year to help identify the location of the event.
- Municipal building energy assessments
 - Energy Committee members will visit the Town Garage on 8/6/26 to assess the current state of insulation and heating systems.
- New business from the floor - None
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

The next meeting will be 5:30PM at Town Hall on Sept. 1, 2026.