

BUCKLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Wednesday, 17 April 2024

7:00 p.m.

Location: In accordance with Buckland's policies, this meeting will take place via Zoom video/phone conference. For the Zoom link and details on how to participate, please go to the end of this agenda.

Listing of Topics

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review and approve minutes from 27 March 2024 meeting.
3. Discussion of solarize programs – past, present, & future – including state/federal incentives for residents, businesses, and municipalities, community solar initiatives; possibility of follow-up on pre-pandemic META Grant for Community Shared Solar feasibility study/ Northeast Solar
4. Discussion of local and regional energy-related issues (plus links shared at prior meetings), possibly including:
 - Rail transport of fossil and other fuels; concerns about derailments, remaining railroad ties and debris along tracks
 - State-proposed energy legislation, including any “woodlands partnership” updates; response to Northern Pass; PACE Program & Green Works;
 - Alternative electric power suppliers; municipal electricity aggregation program & any updates from Colonial Power Group
 - MassSave program updates
 - New Massachusetts programs: (including any through Mass CEC and DOER; Center for EcoTechnology --CET)
 - Municipal lighting/streetlights; Lighting Advisory Committee
 - Recycle-able/biodegradable plastic bags; single-use plastics
 - PFAS Testing Program updates
 - Also including discussion of the following links shared by Brian:
<https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/save-money-energy/clean-energy-options/electric-vehicles/ev-charger-managed-charging>
<https://cleantechnica.com/2024/03/18/ev-battery-prices-dropping-a-lot-this-year-next/>
5. Update on past Green Communities Grant applications; planning for 2024-25
 - continue discussion on potential projects to include in future applications, especially those that will bring us closer to the 20% reduction in energy use marker
 - Discussion of new Climate Leader Communities program (including resources on <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/climate-leader-communities>)
 - DOER updates?

6. Continue discussion of future public events, including:
 - Future winserts workshop? Public forum on energy issues?
 - Spring /Summer '24 film series and/or discussion groups?
 - Budget for events
 - Discussion of participation in Shelburne Energy Committee event (scheduled for 27 April, 2024)
7. Updates on MVP Grant current and future; Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates
8. Report back about other meetings/ activities in which committee members participate.
 - Link shared by Brian: https://www.commonnews.org/issue/755/755CTRiver_dams
 - Follow-up article: <https://www.recorder.com/Residents-air-concerns-on-clean-energy-particularly-solar-siting-at-Sunderland-forum-54559566>
9. Other items not reasonably anticipated
10. Choose facilitator and scribe for next meeting.
11. Adjourn meeting.

Here is the information you will need to join this Energy Committee meeting:

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Here is information from the Zoom support site on HOW to join a meeting.

(The support site also has many other helpful articles on how to use Zoom.)

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting>

- If you want to join the meeting as a video conference, you may need to download the Zoom app to your device first.
- If you want to join the meeting as a teleconference, you can use any phone and do not need to download an app.