

## BUCKLAND ENERGY COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Wednesday, 27 March 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.**

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#### Listing of Topics

1. Open the meeting.
2. Review and approve minutes from 28 February 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](https://www.commonnews.org/issue/755/755CTRiver_dams)
  9. Other items not reasonably anticipated
  10. Choose facilitator and scribe for next meeting.
  11. Adjourn meeting.
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***Topic: Energy Committee Meeting***

***Time: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)***

***Join Zoom Meeting***

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

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