

Members Present: Susan Parker, Jason Kaiser, Robert Michael, Kathy Kark, Ben Deede, and Pam Parker

October 5, 2026

Review minutes of 9/21 mtg

Minutes approved

Report out on webinars attended

Plug-in solar - Robert and Jason

- There is great interest in plug-in solar because renters can use them, but there are some concerns about how it works with existing electrical systems. A website www.brightsaver.org is a resource for purchasing these solar panels.
- These are not quite ready to be widely used in Vermont because regulations around safety have not been released.

Virtual Power Plants 101 - Pam

- This is a way to connect residential and businesses' alternative power sources such as solar panels, backup batteries, EVs, that can later be used to supply power or reduce demand when there is a energy overload. They have been used in California but not yet been implemented in Vermont. It is a way smaller power sources can network to replicate the production of a larger power plant.

Report out on local info and resources

NEKCA - Let's Keep our Neighbors Warm - publicity assignments

Members will publicize ways to get fuel assistance through various forums such as Front Porch Forum, Letters to the Editor, etc., town officials, etc.

Wheels for Warmth. Members will publicize this opportunity to donate their usable tires, the proceeds of which will be used for fuel assistance. Tire donations will be held on Thur. Oct. 29 from 1pm to 5pm, Fri. Oct. 30, from 1pm to 5pm at Peckham Materials Corp., 34 Calkins Drive, Lyndon, VT

WindowDressers - Oct. 15-22 - (sign-ups as of 10/2/26)- need 2 volunteers with

strong backs for transport crew to KarmeCholing, also need volunteers for 4 hr shifts Saturday afternoon, Tuesday morning and afternoon, Wednesday morning and afternoon. Slots for the transport crew were filled. Members are reaching out to people to fill other remaining slots.

Next energy committee mtg scheduled for Monday, Nov.2 at 5:30 at the town offices.