

Stowe Energy Committee December 11, 2025

5:30pm

**Akeley Memorial Building
67 Main Street
Stowe, VT 05672**



Present: Catherine Crawley, Cap Chenoweth, Elizabeth Soper

Absent: Robi Artman-Hodge, Lauren DiVenanzo, Andrew Rianhard, Ellie Feinstein

Attendees: Assistant Town Manager Will Fricke, SED Regulatory Business Manager Michael Lazorchak

Call to Order

Chair Crawley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Approve Minutes

No quorum

Plug in Solar with Senator Anne Watson

Senator Anne Watson discussed her bill to authorize plug-in solar. She and the Energy Committee discussed plug-in solar technology, including safety features, certification requirements, and implementation plans. It was noted that there have not been safety issues reported from users in Europe but their grid tech is different and the focus on ensuring devices are certified for US code.

Thermal Energy Networks

Catherine Crawley provided an update on thermal energy networks. She said they are hoping to decide whether they will hold a charette by March or April. She noted the MERP grant needs to be spent by the end of 2026.

Charge Vermont Update

Michael Lazorchak provided a quote with SEDs portion of the work and will updated it with the Town portion when available. They may go to the Selectboard in February for a request to place the chargers.

Connected Homes

Will Fricke said they are almost done with the Akeley HVAC work and can look at the program then.

Elementary School Greenhouse Project

Michael Lazorchak said the plan is finalized and the school wants to continue for another semester to finish the project.

Other Business

The members in attendance said that a table at Town meeting for information on solar for historic buildings is likely not feasible due to the timeframe.

Michael Lazorchak discussed a project with UVM students to find preferred solar sites.

Catherine Crawley noted that Ellie has left the committee and they will advertise for the student position.

Will Fricke said he is going to send out an email requesting committee submissions for the town report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.