

Energy Committee Remote Meeting Minutes

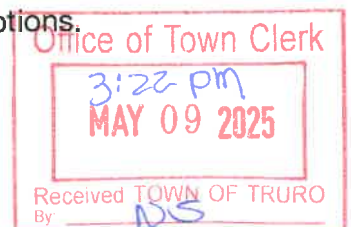
February 24, 2025

Attendee

Co-Chair - Brian Boyle
Co-Chair - Bob Higgins-Steele
David Spencer
Paul Holt
Chris Palmer - Climate Action Coordinator

Kristin Savage - absent
Harry Irwin - absent (author)

1. **Public Comment** - None
2. **Minutes from January 27, 2025 Approved** - Discussion - the last 3 meetings have had AI generated meeting note. Though they were corrected and summarized there was a consensus that the AI notes were disorganized, redundant and too long. The EC will no longer use AI notes. We will try to keep the minutes to 2 pages. (See below)
3. **EC newest member** - Paul Holt introduced himself to the committee. Paul splits his time between Truro and Newton. In Newton, Paul was active on the town's energy and climate committees.
4. **Landfill Solar Project** - There was a lively discussion regarding the Transfer Station Solar Array.
 1. We received several proposal for town owned array. Leasing bids are due on 2.28. The cost to build the array is about \$3.8m. It will create about \$491k per year in revenue. The lease agreement is expected to be about \$100k per year. The breakeven schedule to own the solar equipment is about 4 years with the ITC or about 8 years is there is no ITC available.
 2. The Energy Committee asks the select board not to sign any lease agreement that they receive on 2.28.
 3. The Energy Committee ask the select board to compare the lease vs ownership options.
 4. The Energy Committee ask the board to approve Landfill Solar Project and direct the EC to pursue hard pricing for either the lease or ownership options.



5. The Energy Committee ask the board to put a place holder warrant in for the next ATM.

6. If the board opposes the Landfill Solar Project they should tell the EC to stop working on it.

5. Climate Leaders Communities Certification and the Municipal Decarbonization Roadmap -

1. Truro was the first cape town to submit a Climate Leader application. Truro should fill out and submit the application to become a member of Power Options.

2. The road map plan is generally to upgrade the envelope and then to swap out fossil fuel equipment at the end of their service life.

3. In reviewing our application the Climate Leaders thought that our Decarbonization Roadmap might be a little aggressive and they asked if we wanted to amend the 2030 dates for the envelope upgrades and electrification.

4. A Motion was approved by the EC to “ look at the decarbonization roadmap in more detail and try to refine and calibrate the completion dates on different accesses in conjunction with a consult to advise us on planing such work”.

6. **Climate Action Plan** - The Climate Action Committee (CAC) requested feedback from the Energy Committee on their Climate Action Plan (CAP). It was agreed that rather than discussing in a meeting each member of the EC reviews the CAP and submit their comments directly

7. Next Meeting TBD

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5/9/2025

