

## Peacham Energy Committee

May 10, 2021 - 7pm

Meeting Minutes

### In attendance:

PEC - Jock Gill, Allison Webster, Thomas Bryer, David Jacobs

Washington Electric Coop (WEC) - Barry Bernstein, Steve Knowlton, Bill Powell

Public - Morris McCain, Charlie Byron, Kyrice Avery, Adam Dobson, Dart Thalman, (& m.r.mclellan - Ryegate energy committee)

1. Call to order - 7:06 pm
2. Additions to agenda - none
3. Approval of April minutes - all in favor of approval
4. Public comment - none
5. WEC presentation

- **Meeting Recording:**

- <https://zoom.us/rec/share/RzzHr6luU35Kp42M8LVr2pGWQwkUHCJEL0e1pbeqRx-43Kcfkm1E2pEHDRTyJfIU.NkUS9PNB-fqzpvln>

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- WEC presented on plans to bring broadband high-speed internet to customers (timeline: 2022 - 2026)

- Hoping to start build out in 2022 for the majority
  - Hope to have all fiber laid by 2026 (middle mile backbone); local communications union districts (CUD) will hook you up to service, if you want it
  - To show support for accelerating broadband, WEC encouraged people to contact legislature and NEK Broadband Communications

- H.360 - <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2022/H.360>

- WEC answered questions from the public including energy costs, community solar, and WEC's vision for getting off fossil fuels in WEC's service area and whether it involves solar, the role of storage, microgrids, net-metering, vehicle to grid, etc.

- Discussion ensued

6. EV Charging Station - attract visitors to town and address range anxiety

7. School Energy field trip - to take place last week of May as part of Career Week, tour local solar tracker and learn about renewable energy

8. Review correspondence - none

9. Adjournment - motion David, second Tom, all in favor, 8:23 pm