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Minutes of the Peacham Energy Committee Meeting, November 10, 2026

Zoom Meeting in Peacham, VT

Time	November 10, 2026, 7:00PM - 8:00 PM (EST)
Committee Members	Charlie Byron (chair), Tom Bryer, Bevin Barber-Campbell
Public	Dave Edwards, Cedric Farrell

Key Outcomes

- **Peacham Emergency Relief Fund (PERF) fundraising.** Bevin produced a great card announcing the fundraising for PERF; it was included in a mailing to the Town and will also be used as drops in key spots around town. The PERF has already made its first fuel assistance grant of the heating season. Charlie will reach out to potential volunteers who could help this party with applications for further assistance.

  Based on this recent situation, it appears that oil companies may have set a minimum delivery of 100 gallons; this means that at current prices, NEKCA's standard emergency grant level of $500 is insufficient. Dave Edwards will investigate with NEKCA whether the PERF could supplement NEKCA's grant to meet oil companies' minimum, potentially with a single or streamlined application for both organizations.

  In view of the early need for fuel assistance, the Committee agreed to make further monthly posts on Front Porch Forum to keep awareness up on this need.

- **Windowdressers**. Tom reported a very successful build this year: 282 new energy-saving window inserts plus 30 re-wraps. And they finished 2 days early! (For comparison, the Montpelier build produced about the same number!) Many Thanks to co-coordinators Tom Bryer, Karen Lewis, and their volunteers.

- **Membership Recruitment**: The committee has had no response to its posting in Front Porch Forum. Charlie will post to For the Love of Peacham and we will all work on personal invitations to recruit two new members

- **Net Metering Regulations**. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) continues its work on revising regulations for home/small business solar. They will hold another public virtual workshop on 11/16, where they have asked the state's electric utilities to present their views. Details and instructions on how to join are online at: https://puc.vermont.gov/event/puc-case-no-26-1786-rule-virtual-workshop-rulemaking-update-commission-rule-5100-regulations

- **New "regular" meeting date**. Based on member's schedules, the Committee voted to change its regular meeting date to the **2nd Tuesday of each month**. There appear to be no other regular Town meetings on that date. Charlie will check with Rebecca to confirm this.

Next steps

Bevin Barber-Campbell

- Manage the schedule for monthly Front Porch Forum posts on fuel assistance and PERF, and write up scripts for the committee to use.

Charlie Byron

- Call Dick Browne about fuel assistance application help.
- Post on "For the Love of Peacham" Facebook group about Energy Committee membership.
- Confirm with Rebecca Washington whether non-residents who own property in Peacham are eligible to join the Energy Committee.
- Confirm feasibility of new meeting date with Rebecca.
- Contact Rebecca about the possibility of an “energy resources” listing on the back of the Peacham town phone book.
- Send the announcement for the net metering information session on the 16th to Tom and Bevin
- Distribute net metering briefing docs to Committee

Dave Edwards

- Contact Tom Galinat at NEKCA to discuss how the emergency fund can coordinate with the $500 emergency fuel relief program to help residents cover fuel costs.
- Take emergency fund line cards to Amber at the recycling center