

CITY OF DOVER

ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Ave.
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, June 17, 2026**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

1. Welcome

2. Chair Bill Baber opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Roll Call: Bill Baber (Chair), Vincent Lyon (Vice Chair), Susan Smith, John Turner, Steve Paulson, Madelyn Bradley, Dylan Lucas, Eric Ryherd, Melanie Strong

Other Attendees: Councilor Veitch, Councilor Robison, Andrew Hatch, Howard Plante, Nick Shostak

Staff: Lexi Merchant (Resilience Coordinator), Mykala McConaghy (UNH Sustainability Fellow)

3. Citizens' Forum

Councilor Robison spoke about the need for more electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Dover and recommended that the City invest in this.

4. Approval of Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20th, 2026

E. Ryherd motioned and D. Lucas seconded, minutes approved U/A.

5. Staff Updates

A. FEL Power presentation

Howard Plante and Nick Shostak were in attendance from Freedom Energy Logistics (FEL) Power to present about their community choice aggregation option. A copy of their presentation is attached.

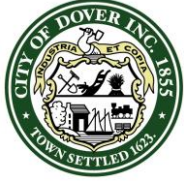
S. Smith motioned to temporarily suspend operating rules to allow Councilor Robison to ask a question. V. Lyon seconded. Motion passed. Councilor Robison asked about the purchasing power as a City compared to the collective purchasing power as a group of cities.

B. CPCNH Presentation

Jackson Kaspari, Director of Member Services at CPCNH, gave a few updates about their program. B. Baber mentioned that the CPCNH rates have not been released yet. J. Kaspari handed out a brief about the \$50 million under-collection by New Hampshire electric utilities. Brief is attached.

C. ESPC

The City is working with EEI on an Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC). The municipal building audits are no cost and are still ongoing. EEI has presented the City with options for the McConnell Center as well as options for solar on five municipal buildings. The McConnell Project has been separated into two phases based on the funding available in the McConnell fund. Phase 1 includes replacing the McConnell Center roof with insulation and



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small guaranteed savings for that. This project went before City Council on January 14th and was approved.

The Second Phase of the McConnell Center project includes solar on the McConnell Center, the Public Works Complex, the Ice Arena, the North End Fire Station, and the French Cross Water Treatment Plant. It also includes a complete HVAC upgrade with boiler replacement, heat pump replacement, gym dehumidification, a cooling tower, and controls upgrades.

At the January 28th Council workshop, EEI presented on the Phase 2 portion of the project. Since then, City leadership talked about how the project be split into the solar and HVAC upgrades. EEI is willing to guarantee the Investment Tax Credits (ITC) which offers a 30% offset of the project. EEI presented the project to Council on March 25th with this guarantee highlighted.

The solar project will be separate from the HVAC project because of differing financing requirements. The solar portion can not be financed with any tax-exempt funds without the ITC percentage being reduced. The City has found funds available to cover the solar portion of the project with non tax-exempt funding. This resolution went before City Council on April 8th and was approved unanimously. The HVAC portion of the project was voted on by Council on April 22nd and approved.

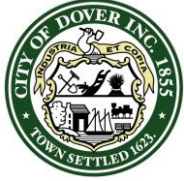
At 104 French Cross, one of the sites for solar, there will be some major upgrades as part of a Capital Improvements Plan project. There is the potential that the site might be demolished. The Community Services department will be looking into drilling additional wells and reevaluating the existing building. CS, EEI, and Planning staff are looking into a possible ground mount system but for now, we will proceed with 104 French Cross removed. This will allow us to move ahead with the other 4 solar projects to safe harbor the ITC. The City is working hard to get contracts reviewed and payments authorized in advance of the July 4th deadline.

D. WWTF Solar

ReVision successfully completed construction and the power shutdown to complete the connection. The City has inspected the project and the final closeout document was submitted to Eversource. Eversource can now initiate their final approval review and then the project will receive permission to operate. Additionally, the resolution for the post repair was passed and ReVision will be coordinating that project as well.

Members discussed having a future meeting at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to view the project.

ReVision also offered the option of selling the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from this project. They estimated that the revenue from the RECs would be around \$5,000 annually. Members discussed. V. Lyon offered to organize a subgroup to discuss the REC sales.



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E. Resilience Plan Update

Mykala McConaghy, the City's UNH Summer Sustainability Fellow, introduced herself. She will be completing a community wide and city wide greenhouse gas assessment that will be used to inform the Resilience Plan. Additionally, at past meetings members had discussed adding the Resilience Plan to the Master Plan. When the Climate Chapter of the Master Plan is updated, the Resilience Plan will be a chapter of that plan.

6. New Business

A. none

7. Other Business / Member Comments:

A. Bill Baber noted that there is a three-day event focused on nuclear power in New Hampshire in Portsmouth the week of June 22nd.

8. Call for Agenda Items:

9. Adjourn: Unanimously at 7:20PM.

Minutes taken by Lexi Merchant.