



**CITY OF DOVER**

## ENERGY COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 288 Central Ave.  
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 20th, 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, Madelyn Bradley, Dylan Lucas, Eric Ryherd, Steve Brown

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

**Staff:** Lexi Merchant (Resilience Coordinator)

### 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.

- B. CPCNH Presentation

ReVision has begun construction and things are going well. The post repairs are being discussed and the City is looking to find funding to handle this repair in parallel to the solar installation.

- 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 small guaranteed savings for that. This project went before City Council on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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



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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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and was approved unanimously. The HVAC portion of the project was voted on by Council on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, EEI will be bringing us a new contract with 104 French Cross removed. This will allow them to move ahead with the other 4 solar projects to safe harbor the ITC. We will continue to explore options at 104 French Cross but due to the cost and unknowns of the construction project, it is a possibility that it may have to be fully removed as a solar site at this time.

Members discussed. B. Baber noted that this was the smallest proposed array at 20kW.

### D. WWTF Solar

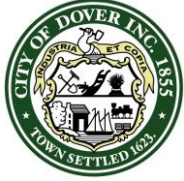
Commission members discussed the draft report and made several suggestions. The final report will be distributed by B. Baber within the coming weeks.

### E. Resilience Plan Update

Thank you to the members who submitted tips. Staff is compiling the tips that have been sent out in 2025 for the Annual Report.

## 6. New Business

### A. none



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**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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**8. Call for Agenda Items:**

Members mentioned the possibility of having a dedicated Energy Commission Fund and asked to discuss at the June meeting.

**9. Adjourn:** Unanimously at 6:47pm.

Minutes taken by Lexi Merchant.