

Grantham Energy Committee (GEC)

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Minutes February 9, 2026, 7pm Whitney Room Town Offices

- Call to order and Roll Call

Members; Rick Covill, Bob Benson, TJ Alexander

Selectboard Rep: Peter Garland

Visitors Doug Cogan (Clean Energy) and Andrew Hatch (CPCNH)

II. Past Minutes' review and approval (to be submitted to the town administrator)

III. Clean Energy Update from Doug Cogan-Sullivan County Circuit Rider

Clean Energy Website. <https://www.cleanenergynh.org/>

Legislative update on SB538- to ok 20-year contracts on net metering

Sullivan County has adopted CPCNH for the county towns and residents can "Opt in"

Batteries and net metering progress

IV. Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

Update on rate changes <https://www.cpcnh.org/news>

The new CPCNH Granite Basic default rate for residential and small commercial customers will increase to 14.663 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), from the current 13.419 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh)

A. Status of PUC on Eversource rate changes and requests.

B. State HB 1002, Property tax exemption bill status. (the bill passed in the State House)

C. The New Hampshire Department of Energy is hiring a consultant to assess

whether it would be feasible for the state to cut itself off or step back from the regional power grid.

Discussion on "Refresh" policy of CPCNH where they send reminder postcards to residents that have moved to Grantham in the past year or so and remind them that they can sign up for Community Power.

A suggestion was made that Eversource is less expensive than CPCNH that Grantham could notify residents in the weekly online newsletter that they can opt out if desired.

V. Status of Poverty Plains PV project in Warner.

Town will save 1.5 cents/KWH over Eversource rates. or 12% , Grantham is only 1% of the total 5 MW

Selectmen have approved a plan to participate. Start up in 2026, construction is progressing.

