

## **Charlotte Energy & Climate Action Committee (CECAC)**

**Oct 14, 2025, 7-9pm on zoom**

### **Meeting minutes**

Attending: Frank Tenney (Selectboard liaison), Natalie Kanner (Selectboard liaison), Jim Hodson (part of meeting), Mike Yantachka, Wolfger Schneider, Rebecca Foster, Deirdre Holmes (facilitating)

1. September meeting minutes were approved
2. Project Updates:
  - a. Town Energy Modernization – Deirdre and Jim provided updates, including that Tim and Jim are creating the final RFPs, Nate’s departure has caused some slow down resulting in certain steps not yet completed (signing of Town/CVFRS MOU, fuel bills for 3 town buildings, confirming ownership of firehouse). Natalie offered to meet with Mary regarding past fuel bills. Jim continues to track details of direct pay coverage and expiration dates.
  - b. Heat pump demo – Mike and Wolfger installed the portable heat pump at the Congregational Church as part of the Repair Café on Oct 4. Seeking a new location for next demo. Deirdre to reach out to Marissa for a possible home-setting data-collection option. Agreed to add signage to town’s existing heat pumps in library and senior center. Mike to create signage, followed by possible article in Charlotte News and/or FPF posts to announce in connection with expiring residential incentives.
  - c. Weatherization program this fall – Mike will help organize program at library, in addition to the two upcoming events at the library.
  - d. Library collaborations – Deirdre shared several current initiatives: VT Reads series of events (including Oct 23 and 30), she and Margaret are working on another \$4K Climate Catalyst grant application to expand the Library of Things, and an upcoming Sustainable Library Certification celebration to be held in late November.
  - e. Town Energy Plan Update – now due on Oct 17. Deirdre presented summary of updates proposed by Darren, staff planner at CCRPC. Mike and Wolfger also expressed interest in reviewing. Deirdre will forward draft document.

f. New proposed budget FY27 – After discussion, *motion was passed to propose the following budget for FY27.*

*Low-carbon transport: \$1000*

*Renewable Energy: \$1,500*

*Education: \$500*

*Conservation/weatherization: \$1,500*

*Total CECAC proposed budget: \$4,500*

Deirdre will submit to Carrie (Nate's replacement). Several budget ideas presented (could be done with current budget) were an electric line finder for the library of things, a survey or other data-collection effort for better data for Town Plan tracking, and revisiting the weatherization grant idea

g. Article – the article we wrote for the week preceding Sun Day was not published in the Charlotte News but was in The Citizen. Rebecca will add it to the news section of our website.

h. Upcoming events/conferences:

Oct 15: REV (Renewable Energy Vermont) conference

Oct 23: Town Energy Modernization presentation at Library

Oct 30: "Drawing Hidden Systems" Dan Nott presentation at Library –

CECAC co-sponsor

Nov 1: VECAN (VT Energy & Climate Action Network) conference

Nov 5: EAN (Energy Action Network) Summit

Date TBD: Sustainable Library Certification Celebration

Meeting adjourned: 8:36pm

Next meeting: Nov 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted, Deirdre Holmes