

## Deerfield Energy Conservation Committee MINUTES

January 22, 2026 4:00 pm via Zoom

Attendance: MA Swedlund, David Gilbert-Keith, Steve Svoboda, Laurie Boosahda (minute-taker),  
Ryan Kingston, Greg Francheschi, Brian Dolan, Ted Harvey - FRCOG

1. Brian Dolan voted in as a new member - recommended by the SelectBoard
2. Minutes of December tabled for now.
3. [Advancing Massachusetts Power](#) grant - Ryan reports that we are tabling this for now. Possible source of information - Chris Mason, because Montague did a MicroGrid feasibility study a few years ago...
4. Solar on the SD WasteWater Treatment Plant - Ted: One option - use META grant; second option, consultant Wesson & Samson could produce high-level design for \$1 - 2,000

MA contacted PVsquared and NorthEast Solar - both are willing to offer a rough estimate of possibilities. Alex Galloway will follow up.

Power Options - Ryan reports this nonprofit works with towns to offer Solar Power Purchase Agreements to public entities in Massachusetts.

5. Climate Leadership - Ted: Charlotte Weigel from NEEP (nonpartisan nonprofit) sent out a survey to organize assistance for local towns.
6. Green Communities - Ted Harvey reports that final reporting is underway. Check in with Alex G. - it must be in by the end of February. Ted will work on the Frontier proposal - due April 10.
7. MA and Laurie reported on a conversation with DEDIC at the recent Engage Deerfield. Richard Andriole is interested in helping to coordinate an information session on industrial solar.
8. Bike Lanes - Greg F will talk with Alex G about whether new bike lanes are part of the new road design. Suggestion to talk with the Open Space committee about their interest.
9. Bruce Dolan shared info about "Shaving the Peak" to reduce the need for gas- or coal-fired peaker plants.
10. CCI - MA shared info about budget review; health insurance costs up. Solar will reduce town utilities.
11. MA moves we adjourn, Laurie seconds - unanimously approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm  
Next meeting: February 24, 2026 4:00 Zoom