



LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LEAC)
AUGUST 21, 2025 - 3:30 PM
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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Preamble**
 - 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. July 17, 2025
 - 4. Old Business**
 - A. Legislation 1 PUC Regulations, 1 CPCNH / LCP updates; CPCNH Publicity Campaign
 - B. Landfill Gas to Energy Project
 - C. Lebanon Energy Savings Program
 - D. EV Subcommittee Report
 - E. Energy Efficiency Standards of the City's Staff Housing Initiative
 - F. City Master Plan -Energy Chapter Update
 - G. LEAC goals -Review, Prioritize
 - 5. New Business**
 - 6. Open to the Public**
 - 7. Upcoming Events**
 - A. Upper Valley EV Expo 9/6/2025, 11AM -4PM, Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, Hartford, VT 05001.
 - 8. Future Agenda Items**
 - 9. Adjournment**

AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 17, 2025

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**LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LEAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Remote Via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
July 17, 2025
3:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Bromberg (Chair), Clifton Below, Sherry Boschert (remote)
Jonathan Chaffee, James Mashal (arrived 4:10 PM), Woody Rothe,
Bill Sterns

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patrick Kenelly, Thomas Benzel

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Brown, Asst. Director, Public Works (Chris Kilmer on vacation)

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Bromberg called the meeting to order at 3:54 PM

2. PREAMBLE – Read by Mr. Rick Brown

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

*Ms. Sherry Boschert MOVED to approve the June 19, 2025, minutes as amended.
Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Chaffee.*

** The vote on the MOTION was approved 6-0.*

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislation 1 PUC Regulations 1 CPCNH / LCP updates; CPCNH

Mr. Below is taking care of LEAC's continued participation in Clean Energy New Hampshire, through Mr. Chris Kilmer. There is a budget for this in 2025, under DPW. In exchange for the City's membership, they offer many benefits, including expertise in many areas that LEAC works in.

Mr. Mashal and Mr. Below attended a CPCNH meeting earlier today. Mr. Below shared a screen with the report that he presented at this meeting.

Mr. Below said that if consumers drop out of the CPCNH program, they will not automatically be reenrolled, so they might want to sign up for emails for rate changes so that they can opt back in if they want. They can do this on the City of Lebanon website. The customer service number is 1-866-603-7697 (POWR).

Mr. Mashal commented that CPCNH has done a good job of correctly allocating costs to each member. We have rates by individual community, and they have very strong reserves. They can track more accurately now. They are moving towards cost causation.

1 Mr. Below said they will eventually have the capacity to have differential rates by community, possibly as
2 early as next year. And they will have more rate options, so all communities are making the same
3 proportionate contributions to joint reserves.

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5 All rates are up.

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7 B. Landfill Gas to Energy Project

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9 Mr. Rick Brown said he was aware of some issues with this program, but he thinks it is now up and
10 running again.

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12 Mr. Bromberg asked if there have been any efforts to recoup some of the costs of this project? Mr. Below
13 said that Mr. Kilmer is working on this and that the city can still file for the refundable tax credit. He said
14 that there needs to be a usage of at least 52% methane. Current usage will need to be confirmed by
15 testing. He thinks it is now well over 52% methane. Liberty considered it placed in service in December
16 2024.

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18 C. Lebanon Energy Savings Program

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20 Mr. Chaffee said they are proceeding with a mailing to approximately 300 landlords, and he anticipates
21 these will go out soon.

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23 D. EV Subcommittee Report

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25 Ms. Boschert (went first under New Business) started by sharing that Mr. Sterns has an EV demonstration
26 set up at the Enfield Dog Park; the Public is invited.

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28 Ms. Boschert recently attended a Zoning amendments meeting (now under the Planning Dept. purview) as
29 well as an Economic Development Commission meeting since she was aware they are making proposed
30 amendments to EV charging stations. They agreed that since they had not yet seen LEACs proposal, they
31 will include that in discussions at their next meeting, to be held on August 13, 2025, at 1:30PM. Ms.
32 Boschert will attend that meeting as well.

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34 They got back 3 RFPs that met the guidelines. She, along with Mr. Chris Kilmer, met again with
35 Universal, one of the 3 respondents. Their next step would be for the EV Subcommittee to make a
36 proposal to the Downtown Tax Increment Financing District Advisory Board. The reason for this is that
37 without the grant money (which has been blocked by The Republican Party), they cannot afford fast
38 charging stations. So, they propose to set this aside for now and focus on Level 2 charging stations.

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40 It was noted that of the three RFPs that the city received, none had options for the companies to pay for
41 the installation. The options were for the City of Lebanon to pay for installation, and then either the city
42 can own these charging stations, or the companies would own them, and give the city 20-50% of
43 revenues.

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45 Ms. Boschert has learned that they have approximately \$3M left over from the VW settlement fund, and
46 that this money will become available for putting charging in our communities as early as later this year
47 or in 2026. The EV Subcommittee wants to propose to the TIF District, to possibly use some of those

1 funds to install Level 2 charging stations in the downtown area of Lebanon. Two of the three companies
2 are contenders.

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4 Ms. Boschert asked for approval from LEAC to continue to move this forward, so that they can possibly
5 get a rebate for putting in a charge from the federal government, of between 6-30%, but this is only
6 available from now until June 2026. This is why time is of the essence in getting these installed.

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8 Ms. Boschert asked and received LEAC's okay to move forward with presenting this fund usage to the
9 TIF at their next meeting, July 30, 2025 (Wednesday), 6:00PM. Just to give some perspective, if they
10 funded 10 of these charging stations, this represents approximately \$200,000.

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12 Ms. Boschert is compiling a package of information for TIF, so that this can be included in the Agenda
13 Packet.

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15 Ms. Boschert told of two upcoming events – see below under Upcoming Events.

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17 Ms. Boschert also met with Rebecca Owen, grant writer for the city. She is preparing a document to
18 present that could potentially provide \$38,000 grant money.

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20 Ms. Boschert excused herself from the meeting at 4:17PM, due to her feeling unwell.

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22 E. Energy Efficiency Standards of the City's Staff Housing Initiative

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24 No updates today; Mr. Kennelly is absent from today's meeting.

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26 F. City Master Plan-Energy Chapter Update

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28 Mr. Bromberg said that their committee will review this and make any wordsmithing or content changes
29 if needed.

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31 G. LEAC goals-review, prioritize

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33 Mr. Bromberg said there is no need for this to continue to be on the agenda, so it will be removed for
34 now.

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36 **5. NEW BUSINESS**

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38 A. Proposed zoning changes for EV charging

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40 This was covered earlier by Ms. Boschert (see under EV Subcommittee Report heading).

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42 Mr. Mashal said that his seat expires soon. It was agreed he will stay on LEAC and there is no need to
43 reapply.

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45 **6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC None**

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

A.

July 28, 2025 (Monday), there will be a ZOOM Lunch & Learn geared towards housing developers, though anyone can attend. It will be presented by Ms. Boschert and explains what is proposed in the LEAC amendments and outlines Level 1 and 2, etc.

September 6, 2025 (Saturday), Upper Valley EV Expo, from 11:00AM to 4:00PM at the Hartford Town Hall, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction, VT 05001

Key Chevrolet has confirmed their participation along with New Car Ford.

Ms. Boschert has lined up several co-sponsors. **She asked for LEAC members to help at this event and people can learn more by going to UVEVEXPO.ORG.**

Mr. Chaffee shared that there is an upcoming CPCNH fundraiser event on July 21, 2025 (Monday), 6-8 PM at the Irving Institute. He offered to send LEAC members the link to RSVP to attend. Several of them plan to attend.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None

9. ADJOURNMENT

*Mr. Woody Rothe MOVED to adjournment.
Seconded by Mr. James Mashal.*

**The vote on the MOTION was approved 6-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cinda Mersel
Recording Secretary

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AGENDA ITEM 4

OLD BUSINESS:

Lebanon Energy Savings Program: Energy Audit



*In partnership with the
Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee*

Free Energy Audit Through NHSaves Program

*Your property may be eligible for energy efficiency measures to be installed at little to no cost
to make your building more comfortable and lower the utility bills*

Option 1: Income subsidized

If you or your tenants received electric or fuel assistance this past heating season, or the majority of the household income is at or below 60% State Median Income (SMI), weatherization and efficiency measures can be installed at little to no cost.

Contact us for help with eligibility verification.

Option 2: Market Rate

If you do not have an income eligible building, you will qualify for:

Free audit (\$2.5k value!)

On-bill financing option for recommended measures

(for account holders)

How to enroll:

- Gather **18-24 months** of your building's **fuel usage** documentation (gallons delivered each month, not lump sum)
- First, last name
- Phone and Email
- Site Address
- Electric Utility Account Number(s) when applicable
- Hot Water Type: Propane, Oil, Electric, Other

OR

Scan this QR
Code to
fill out the form
electronically



If you have any questions once you have prepared the information above, email NHSavesResi@RBGNH.com



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