



**LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LEAC)
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 - 1:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

2. Preamble

3. Approval of Minutes

A. August 20, 2026

4. Old Business

A. Legislation 1 PUC Regulations, 1 CPCNH / LCP update; CPCNH Publicity Campaign.

B. Landfill Gas to Energy Project

C. EV Subcommittee Report

D. Lebanon Energy Savings Program

E. Energy efficiency in City buildings

F. C-Pacer: organize a conference to highlight C-Pacer programs with the area's largest commercial/industrial businesses

G. New England Heat Pump Accelerator grant

H. West NH Sustainability Hub

I. Identify homes with the best solar potential

5. New Business

A. In-person tour

B. Discussion of Tour

6. Open to the Public

7. Upcoming Events

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

AGENDA

LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LEAC)

September 17, 2026

AGENDA ITEM 3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 20, 2026

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LEBANON ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LEAC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Remote Via Microsoft Teams
LebanonNH.gov/Live
August 20, 2026
3:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry Bromberg (Chair), Clifton Below,
Sherry Boschert, Jonathan Chaffee,
Patrick Kenelly, Woody Rothe, Bill Stearns

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Mashal

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Kilmer, Asst. Director, Public Works

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Bromberg called the meeting to order at 3:39 PM

Chair Bromberg announced that Mr. Doug Kogan, Clean Energy New Hampshire, is in attendance.

2. PREAMBLE – Read by Mr. Chris Kilmer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. June 18, 2026

*Ms. Sherry Boschert MOVED to approve the June 18, 2026, minutes as amended.
Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Chaffee*

** The vote on the MOTION was approved (7-0)*

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Legislation 1 PUC Regulations, 1 CPCNH / LCP updates: CPCNH Publicity Campaign

Mr. Below started by saying that CPCNH has lower rates for the small customer group, and for five of the next six months, their rate is also lower for the large customer group.

Approximately 2000 mailers went out for the refresh policy and while he did not have the numbers with him today, this has resulted in increasing the customer base, both with individuals and some businesses as well. CPCNH remains on track for solid financial recovery. They ended the month of June with a positive net balance. Along this same line, the new Finance Director Rashida Maruta has been accomplishing a lot for CPCNH. Also, they have hired a new director of power operations and he brings a strong background to this role.

1 He thinks there are ongoing negotiations with Calpine to extend their contract which would allow them to
2 hedge energy costs further out in time, which can help them to lower their costs. Also, they had their
3 annual legislative policy planning meeting, a group that he chairs. Members can find this on the CPCNH
4 website under the meetings tab, by looking under the July Agenda, they can learn more of the highlights
5 of that meeting along with their summer newsletter.

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7 All of their high priority bills they were advocating for have been signed into law. Some, but not all that
8 they were opposed are gone now. One example being the effort to repeal the tax exemption for solar
9 systems. It is voluntary for communities to opt into; Lebanon has been opted in for years.

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11 There is interest in local community energy storage, and while this may not currently be feasible, at the
12 very least, this should be part of a roadmap for enabling distributed energy resources. CPCNH is working
13 with legislature on both sides of the aisle.

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15 There was discussion about energy storage, batteries, etc. Ms. Boschert said that there is a webinar
16 coming up in September about virtual power plants, not just battery storage but also EVs and demand
17 control, looking at various options and what they can do to have a virtual power plant. They anticipate
18 there will be postering of entities trying to move into this space. They are also hopeful to have supporters
19 within the Department of Energy.

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21 CPCNH has a goal of getting their reserves to a certain level in terms of number of days while
22 simultaneously keeping their rates as close to the utility rates as possible while ensuring that they are set
23 at a level to recover their costs.

24 25 B. Landfill Gas to Energy Project

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27 Mr. Kilmer said that the plant was down for most of July due to another chiller failure. They were able to
28 get this upsized and with a different brand through Unison, the manufacturer of the conditioning skid.
29 They are currently back online.

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31 They are also in the process of getting contracted for their media change that is due. He, along with the
32 director, have a meeting with City Council on September 2nd, to provide them with a financial projection
33 for the gas plan. While they are currently in the red for this, they are continuing to tweak and improve; the
34 issue remains however that they are not yet running at the initial anticipated rate, one meg an hour.
35 Liberty's rates are going up, which could help compensate rate. He thinks it will help once capping is in
36 place. They are still very early in this operation, but the team is confident that they are heading in the right
37 direction.

38 39 C. EV Subcommittee Report

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41 Mr. Stearns provided LEAC an update about EV bikes saying that they are getting quotes for running
42 electrical lines at the maintenance building for e-bike charging in Lebanon (by the ballpark field behind
43 CCBA, near the community garden). They have narrowed potential sites in the parks and the maintenance
44 building as previously mentioned. They are awaiting an electrician's estimate to complete the necessary
45 electrical work.

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47 Enfield is leading the area and just completed the process of getting the first e-bike charging station in the
48 Upper Valley!

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2 Ms. Boschert shared that she, along with Mr. Below, attended a Planning Board meeting 6-7 weeks ago to
3 talk about the site plan review process. The Planning Board as well as City Council had agreed to this
4 several months ago but this topic has not been on their agenda since that time. Mr. Kennelly suggested
5 getting this on the agenda at the meeting taking place next Monday; he will ask about it during that
6 meeting. He added that there is a desire to do this. They will continue to work through Mr. Corwin and
7 Mr. Reichert. They are both cognizant that there have been many changes to the Council as well as
8 numerous other priorities that have delayed this, nevertheless, LEAC will continue to work to move this
9 important initiative forward. She has shared all of their costs and RFPs documentation with Mr. Reichert,
10 so that he has an understanding of the costs.

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12 Ms. Boschert also shared an idea about an opportunity for funding to move e-bike charging stations
13 forward in West Lebanon. She plans to approach a developer there about funding for e-bike charging in
14 Mascoma Bank's parking lot there, which the bank has already agreed to.

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16 Also, she said that there are several electric vehicle chargers going in both in West Lebanon and in nearby
17 White River Junction, Vermont and one at Dan and Whits in Norwich, Vermont. In West Lebanon, Tesla
18 is installing 19-20 fast superchargers in the back parking lot of the Powerhouse Mall (behind Eastern
19 Mountain Sports). These should work with late model electric vehicles, however some older vehicles do
20 not have compatible software. Adaptors can sometimes be used as a workaround. As they work on
21 funding, if they get enough, they could have fast chargers installed instead of Level 2.

22 23 D. Lebanon Energy Savings Program

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25 Mr. Chaffee and Mr. Rothe along with Ms. Boschert have submitted the grant application under the New
26 England Heat Pump Accelerator Program and receipt was confirmed. They are optimistic that it will be
27 funded and will know sometime in October.

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29 There is a learning curve and process and they have learned that people need to be educated well in
30 advance of actually needing a heat pump. If this is not done, and people replace with another fossil fuel
31 heating source, then in all likelihood they will be with that updated source for another 15-20 years. Public
32 education remains key and to this end, these gentlemen have gone to the Farmer's Market two times this
33 season, to share information, and they have generated approximately 20 application for weatherization.
34 They continue to approach landlords for discussion about cost savings options available to these property
35 owners. While it is a slow process, they are building momentum as they continue to get the word out.

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37 A 3rd component of this is financial incentive to help households. While they do not know exact amounts
38 yet, they suggested that a rebate or incentive of \$15,000 would be in order for very low income
39 households (people below 80% AMI and perhaps \$4,000 for households at 80-150%).

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41 They are continuing to make progress on the Energy Conference and they will be working on finding
42 distributors and installers, weatherization, and energy navigators, etc. so that well in advance of people
43 needing to make a heat source change, they will be able to sign up and have a person/company to work
44 with them. They envision having demonstrations at this conference. There already seems to be a lot of
45 interest with vendors wanting to participate in this new program. This will be managed by the Monadnock
46 Sustainability Hub, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

E. LEAC Priorities for 2026

a. New Subcommittee: Energy efficiency in City Building

Chair Bromberg said that regarding LEAC discussions about energy efficient buildings, LEAC's September 17th meeting will be held at the new Lebanon Fire Station at 1:00PM. This will give LEAC the opportunity to actually see the new efficiencies that were built into the firehouse. Mr. Below said that LEAC plans to add time after the meeting to sit down with the Chief/team for additional discussion. Also Chief Wheatley plans to invite the fire station designers to share information. This can help them as they brainstorm ideas for other City buildings.

Chair Bromberg will confirm with Fire Chief Wheatley.

b. EV Subcommittee: pursue EV charger funding See above

In addition to the above updates, Ms. Boschert said that they are waiting to hear from the State about the grant money that Lebanon can apply for.

c. Lebanon Energy Savings Subcommittee: publicize resources for energy savings and fossil fuel reduction in the residential heating sector – See D above

d. C-PACER: Support City adoption: organize a conference to highlight C-PACER programs with the area's largest commercial/industrial customers

City Council adopted the C-PACER program recently. It is already being used here in Lebanon and one example is that the Brickyard is using this program for work needing to be completed there.

e. Reduce streetlight levels

f. Consider a local adder on the Lebanon Community Power bases rate

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. New England Heat Pump Accelerator grant application see D (c) above

B. West NH sustainability Hub

Ms. Boschert recently held a Zoom meeting and 16 people attended, representing many local communicators. This group will start working in earnest once they get the grant filed. More to follow.

C. Identifying homes with the best solar potential

They want to start work identifying homes with the best solar potential. They might be able to utilize resources from both Revision Energy and Dartmouth College (students).

6. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Mr. Doug Kogan attended**7. UPCOMING EVENTS – future Energy Conference (see D above)**

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8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sherry Boschert MOVED for adjournment.

Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Chaffee

**The MOTION was approved (7-0)*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cinda Mersel

Recording Secretary