



## ENERGY AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE (ECC)

### AGENDA

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:00 AM

City Hall,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

#### **Members:**

Zach Luse, Chair  
Paul Roth, Vice Chair  
Diana Duffy  
Jake Pipp  
Councilor Raleigh Ormerod  
Jude Nuru  
Peter Hansel  
Clair Oursler  
Kenneth Swymer

Councilor Bryan Lake  
Lisa Maxfield  
Chuck Redfern, Alternate  
Rowland Russell, Alternate  
Michael Winograd, Alternate

#### **Staff:**

Megan Fortson, Planning Technician

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2024
3. ECC Work Group Report Outs
  - a. Community Solar
  - b. Grants, Fundraising, and Partnerships
  - c. Education and Outreach
  - d. Legislative Tracking
  - e. Food Security
4. Earth Day Event Volunteer Opportunities
5. Meeting Schedule Updates
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – 8:00 am
8. Adjourn

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1 City of Keene  
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5 ENERGY AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE  
6 MEETING MINUTES  
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Members Present:

Zach Luse, Chair  
Paul Roth, Vice Chair  
Councilor Raleigh Ormerod  
Councilor Bryan Lake  
Jude Nuru  
Diana Duffy  
Clair Oursler  
Kenneth Swymer Jr. Jr.  
Charles Redfern, Alternate  
Rowland Russell, Alternate

Staff Present:

Megan Fortson, Planning Technician

Members Not Present:

Lisa Maxfield  
Michael Winograd

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9 **1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

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11 Chair Zach Luse called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. Mr. Charles Redfern joined via Microsoft  
12 Teams. Chair Luse invited Mr. Rowland Russell to participate as a voting member.

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14 **2) Approval of Minutes**

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16 Chair Luse welcomed comments on the minutes. With no comments, he requested a motion to  
17 approve the minutes. Councilor Bryan Lake motioned to approve the minutes of January 3, 2024.  
18 Mr. Kenneth Swymer Jr. seconded the motion. With no discussion and all in favor, the minutes  
19 from January 3, 2024, were unanimously approved.

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21 **3) Participation in the 2024 Earth Festival**

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23 In a prior meeting, the group had decided to participate in the 2024 Earth Festival on Saturday,  
24 April 20, 2024, put on by the Monadnock Food Co-op. Chair Luse explained that there is an  
25 application due March 1<sup>st</sup> and work needs to be done around the recruitment of volunteers. The  
26 festival is set to occur during school vacation week. He will not be around and wondered if anyone  
27 would be interested in leading that effort. He explained that supplies needed for the tabling would

28 need to be picked up during business hours ahead of the event. It would also require organizing  
29 coverage of volunteers for the day. Mr. Paul Roth asked what the hours were of the event. Chair  
30 Luse responded that it usually runs from midday to 4:00 PM. Mr. Russell said it was either 11:00  
31 AM or 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

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33 Chair Luse requested a volunteer to fill out and file the application and another to organize the  
34 event. Mr. Swymer offered to fill out the application, but explained that he would also be out of  
35 town on the day of the event. Chair Luse offered to forward Mr. Swymer the form. Councilor  
36 Bryan Lake shared that he would also be out of town, but was willing to put together a form or  
37 Google sheet to organize the volunteers.

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39 Mr. Paul Roth asked what the purpose of the event and advertising was. Chair Luse explained that  
40 the intent is like Clean Energy Week and its purpose is mainly informational. Information and  
41 handouts will be provided on the energy plan, community power, and to increase general  
42 awareness. Mr. Roth asked if there would be another survey, to which Chair Luse responded no.

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44 Ms. Diana Duffy thanked Mr. Roth for asking for the purpose and suggested developing a short  
45 paragraph about the Energy & Climate Committee. Mr. Roth suggested an elevator speech. Ms.  
46 Duffy also suggested utilizing a QR code linked to the website rather than handouts to reduce  
47 waste. Having a membership thread might also be useful.

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49 Chair Luse shared that he typically just gives a brief explanation of what the ECC is and provides  
50 some of the key points of things the group is doing, such as the goals of the energy plan, promoting  
51 solar vehicles, and community power. He believed a QR code would be easy to do and shared that  
52 another thing they have done in the past is to encourage people to sign up for the energy newsletter.  
53 There were usually about a dozen people who signed up for the newsletter at each event.

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55 **4) Climate Café Event**  
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57 Chair Luse shared that the Climate Café event will take place on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at  
58 the Keene Public Library. The topic of the event is Climate, Land and Water.

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60 **5) Update on the Downtown Infrastructure Project**  
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62 Chair Luse welcomed Don Lussier, City Engineer. He shared that they are in what they call the  
63 “preliminary design phase” of the downtown project. Previously, they were participating in  
64 conceptual planning to determine what they wanted to build and to get the big picture of what  
65 residents want downtown to look like. That phase provided a broad outline. The preliminary design  
66 phase will go into more detail. In the previous phase, it was decided that they wanted bike lanes.  
67 In this next phase, they will delve deeper into the details and decide on the grade of the sidewalks,  
68 how they want to delineate them and separate them from the pedestrian space, how they want to  
69 colorize or texturize them, how to illuminate them, and all those much more nuanced details that  
70 have not been decided up to this point. He explained they expect this phase to last through July or  
71 August.

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73 Mr. Lussier explained that the biggest piece of work they are focused on right now is a grant  
74 application to the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT). This application is for a  
75 RAISE (“Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity”) grant, which is a  
76 large transportation grant that previously called “Tiger,” and later “Build.” There have been  
77 various iterations on which every administration has put their stamp. The current administration  
78 has focused this grant on sustainability and equity. It is a grant program that looks at how to use  
79 transportation investments at the federal level to create sustainable solutions that produce  
80 economic benefits and drive equitable outcomes for the community. Currently, the consultants are  
81 focused on that heavily as it is due at the end of this month.

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83 Mr. Lussier explained that one team is doing that grant application and all the work to support that  
84 while another part of the consulting team is working on the preliminary design concepts  
85 with/through public outreach. They currently have scheduled three separate public outreach  
86 meetings or public design workshops over the next three months on March 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May  
87 1<sup>st</sup> with each one having a specific focus area. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the focus will be the Main St corridor  
88 and streetscape. For April 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will focus on the Railroad Square and Gilbo Avenue area,  
89 which is currently planned to be a raised intersection, and will look at what is wanted for public  
90 space for community events and street furnishings.

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92 The May 1<sup>st</sup> session will focus on Central Square. A week after each one of the public workshops,  
93 there will be a special meeting held with MSFI (anticipated to occur on March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and  
94 May 8<sup>th</sup>). Those will serve as a time to report back to the MSFI committee about what was heard  
95 in the public meeting, to get their input on what the public is saying, and to provide an opportunity  
96 for them to intervene should they see a need. This will be followed up on June 11<sup>th</sup> (tentatively)  
97 with a City Council workshop, which would serve as a mid-design opportunity for the City Council  
98 to weigh in on the process to date, provide direction, receive input from the public, and discuss  
99 what they would like to see in the preliminary design.

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101 Mr. Lussier stated he had some specific things he wanted to talk to the ECC about. In particular,  
102 the topic he wanted to discuss today is lighting. The City Manager has been clear that she expects  
103 the project to incorporate solar lighting. He stated that as the engineer who is going to make that  
104 work, he is a little concerned about the desire for solar lighting the desire for street trees and those  
105 two things being at odds. He shared that they are currently looking at some manufacturers and  
106 discussing with them ways to bridge the tree canopy while still getting adequate sunlight for the  
107 solar fixtures. Whether that is feasible or not is still a question, but it is being investigated.

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109 Mr. Lussier went on to share that he came hoping to get some input from the group. He asked the  
110 group if the city were to put forth a proposal for a centralized solar plant for a larger solar project  
111 (say at railroad square for a solar canopy) and sized it to offset the energy demands of the  
112 downtown lighting, whether that would meet the community’s goals. Chair Luse responded that  
113 he thought it was more efficient and less wasteful and provided the scale. He stated that putting a  
114 solar panel on every single light is not an efficient way to do it. Better results can be achieved by  
115 having solar off-site. From the solar lights he saw (including the ones at the new roundabout on  
116 Winchester St), he believes that they do not work as well, especially with the dreary winter weather  
117 and shorter days.

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119 Mr. Lussier responded that he found that interesting and would love to talk more to Mr. Luse  
120 offline about specifics. He explained that those lights are designed to decrease the lighting level  
121 after 11:00 PM, but can also be programmed to operate differently. He believed it may be a  
122 programming issue if they are not producing enough light. Those lights are designed to be dark  
123 skies friendly. He explained that it may be a perception difference in that when looking down the  
124 street, the luminaires are not visible. It may be perceived to be dark due to the lack of a visible  
125 light fixture.

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127 Chair Luse recognized Mr. Russell. Mr. Russell said he is aware Jeff Skelter and the arts  
128 community are still interested in the arts corridor with the covered pavilion potentially being used  
129 by the Farmer's market. He believed that would be an excellent place for solar panels on top.

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131 Chair Luse recognized Mr. Peter Hansel. Mr. Hansel stated that as someone who has been very  
132 vocal about the need for trees downtown and involved in the solar projects in the city, he would  
133 second what Mr. Luse said. He stated that electrons are easy to move; trees are not. He suggested  
134 finding a place where there is good solar exposure and trying to get the electrons from there rather  
135 than trying to site them downtown and possibly reducing the value of downtown. Mr. Lussier  
136 thanked Mr. Hansel for his input.

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138 Mr. Swymer added that as Mr. Lussier was talking about bridging the tree canopy with the solar  
139 fixtures with the luminaires down below, he did not think that would look particularly good.  
140 He agreed that placing the solar off-site (as others had suggested) would be a better option. Mr.  
141 Lussier thanked him for his input.

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143 Mr. Hansel stated that he agreed with the City Manager that the lights should be solar-powered  
144 and suggested messaging to that effect. The location of the solar array is less important because it  
145 is all net metering.

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147 Mr. Lussier addressed the Chair and stated that as part of the grants he mentioned previously, they  
148 are required to obtain and submit letters of support from different organizations and community  
149 groups. The federal government wants to know that there is broad community support for the  
150 investment they are making. If this is something the committee could support, he would love to  
151 get a letter from the ECC supporting the downtown project. Chair Luse responded that previous  
152 letters around this project have been focused on the sustainability and equity piece, which lines up  
153 well with the grant. He asked if there were any key things Mr. Lussier would like to see addressed  
154 in the letter. Mr. Lussier said if it were something that the group would support, he would be happy  
155 to send a template letter.

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157 He suggested they tailor it to say why this project is of specific benefit to this committee. Mr. Roth  
158 asked if it would be beneficial to show how long the committee has been in existence and thought  
159 it would be beneficial to show its legacy and how the group has followed through. Mr. Lussier  
160 agreed and explained that RAISE stands for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with  
161 Sustainability and Equity. Sustainability is right in the name, so that is a big focus of their grant  
162 application and the solar serves as an example of how they are putting that into practice. Mr.  
163 Lussier asked if there was a deadline by which this was needed. Mr. Lussier responded that they

164 need it by February 16<sup>th</sup>. The grant submission deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>, but they need time to  
165 bundle it all together and upload it to the federal grant database.

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167 Mr. Redfern asked Mr. Lussier if he had considered asking the Bicycle Pedestrian Path Advisory  
168 Committee for a letter of support. Mr. Lussier shared that they are on the agenda for the next  
169 meeting. Mr. Russell asked if bike lanes would be discussed on March 6<sup>th</sup>, which Mr. Lussier  
170 confirmed.

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172 Councilor Bryan Lake offered to help Chair Luse write up the letter and moved that the chair write  
173 a letter of support for the grant funding application. Mr. Paul Roth seconded his motion. With no  
174 discussion and all in favor, the motion was approved.

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176 Councilor Ormerod asked Mr. Lussier to specify the time and location for each of the meetings.  
177 Mr. Lussier said there will be press releases made both in advance and on the day of each of the  
178 separate meetings. He believed the times were 3:00-4:30 PM and 5:30-7:00 PM and they would  
179 be held in the Parks and Recreation Building in room 14.

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181 Chair Luse asked Mr. Lussier if there was anything he could share about the conversations he was  
182 having with Liberty Utilities. Mr. Lussier said he could share that they have had conversations and  
183 that they were not laughed out of the room. He believed they took Liberty a bit by surprise and  
184 said he believed, “they did not think they could put the camel’s nose under the New Hampshire  
185 tent.” He said he believed they were already doing this in Massachusetts and New York. They are  
186 interested, but there are some large questions about whether they can do this under state law under  
187 their existing public utility charter. There is concern that New Hampshire state law might put their  
188 charter at risk, which would be a non-starter for them. It may end up moving forward, but only  
189 after legislative action of some kind is taken.

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191 His best guess is that it would not happen in time for the 2025 construction season. They are  
192 currently scheduled to start construction in the square in 2025. As far as he sees, the Liberty  
193 processes are going to be complicated, but there is potential for the later phases of the project.  
194 Chair Luse asked if Clean Energy New Hampshire could help with the legislative piece. Mr.  
195 Lussier responded that in terms of advocacy, yes. However, he believed the ball to currently be in  
196 Liberty’s court to figure out what New Hampshire law would allow. He explained that they met  
197 with them specifically about the geothermal district heating system. Mr. Lussier said he believed  
198 the conversion of gas from the propane air mix to the natural gas was going to happen, but was  
199 just a matter of timing. With no other discussion, Mr. Lussier thanked the group and excused  
200 himself from the meeting.

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202 **6) ECC Workgroup Report Outs**  
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204 With Mari out, Chair Luse said he would try to remind people to submit their report-outs, but  
205 asked people to do their best to get them in.

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207 **A) Community Solar**  
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209 Chair Luse recognized Mr. Jude Nuru and invited him to share his report out. Mr. Nuru said they  
210 had three major highlights. The first is that they are working with Clean Energy New Hampshire  
211 to have an in-person workshop where they can talk to people about the community and their  
212 coaching program. Secondly, they are working with the Monadnock Sustainability Hub to get the  
213 Greater Keene/Peterborough Chamber of Commerce to also have additional publicity about the  
214 program. Lastly, they are assessing the City sites. There is a potential grant opportunity for New  
215 Hampshire municipalities for up to 60kW AC solar. He believes this is something they could help  
216 with and plans to bring it to City Staff to see if it makes sense for the workgroup to assist the staff  
217 in applying for that grant.

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## 219 **B) Grants, Fundraising and Partnerships**

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221 Mr. Redfern shared that he has had some conversations with AmeriCorps that have been quite  
222 successful. The director of the Northeast AmeriCorps Program is excited to see if the City of Keene  
223 is serious about being a host site for a Vista AmeriCorps volunteer. This has been “informally and  
224 preliminarily endorsed” by Volunteer New Hampshire, which would be the liaison for  
225 AmeriCorps, should the City decide to move forward with this.

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227 They collected the job descriptions, as well as other material, and Ms. Beth Campbell has put them  
228 into a document on the Google site. At this point, he has all the information he could foresee  
229 needing to put before the City decision-makers. As the document is quite long, he would like to  
230 produce bullet points with paragraphs as to the contacts that he has been involved with who have  
231 spoken favorably of this.

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233 AmeriCorps offers a stipend to their volunteers, which is about \$13,000 per year. It is a one-year  
234 term, and they also offer housing assistance in many cases, along with tuition assistance for those  
235 with federal student loans. If the City can augment its fund with some additional funding, which  
236 he has heard that they do have, he believes they could put something together that would be  
237 enticing to a bachelor's degree scholar. He is hopeful they will find someone to work for one year  
238 with the City to develop its implementation plan and get started on the grant writing. Concurrently,  
239 they could get some fundraising going for the program and its implementation.

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241 Mr. Redfern wants to take the previously-mentioned high-points document and provide that to the  
242 workgroup for input. It would then get moved through the Community Development Department  
243 and up to the city manager. Mr. Redfern asked if Chair Luse had any direction or anything he  
244 needed from Mr. Redfern at this point. Chair Luse responded that he thought they needed a clear  
245 outline and recommendation from the work group for the discussion by the committee. Mr.  
246 Redfern agreed to include that. Chair Luse wondered if it would make sense to have AmeriCorps  
247 speak to the committee on this. Mr. Redfern responded that they could do it through a Microsoft  
248 Teams meeting and agreed to see what he could do on that end.

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250 Mr. Roth asked Mr. Redfern to confirm that they were not reinventing the wheel and that this had  
251 been done in other communities. Mr. Redfern confirmed that they had and that Portland, ME is

252 one community that is highly active in this. There is another group in South Portland, ME that has  
253 four volunteers that work for various towns. The volunteers are replaced every year when their  
254 term runs out. In some cases, they become employees of the City while others move on. Chair  
255 Luse thanked Mr. Redfern for his work on this.

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257 **C) Education and Outreach**

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259 Chair Luse shared that the sponsorship request for the Energy Expo at the airport is going before  
260 the PLD committee tonight. He is planning to attend and advocate for that. As the workgroup has  
261 focused on the energy expo, there is not much to update on. It is still in the preliminary stages  
262 beyond just the sponsorship.

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264 **D) Legislative Tracking**

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266 Councilor Bryan Lake shared that due to some scheduling conflicts on his part, they were not able  
267 to meet, but they did just recently receive a call-to-action from New Hampshire Clean Energy on  
268 a couple of bills. There are two bills in front of the Senate and the hearing is today. One bill,  
269 SB373, is to adopt the updated 2021 building code rather than the 2021 energy conservation code  
270 (which is intended to remain in the 2018 version unless amendments are made). Another bill,  
271 SB437, is a bill that by his understanding, would unnecessarily make municipality updates to the  
272 building code far more tedious than they need to be. He was not sure what the intent was there,  
273 other than to potentially take control from the municipalities by making it more difficult to amend  
274 the building code at the local level. If anyone is interested, support or disapproval can be voiced  
275 via the Senate website. He is happy to forward the Gencorp Senate website to those interested.

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277 Councilor Ormerod offered to add to the rationale behind the energy portion being excised from  
278 the legislation. He had a half-hour conversation with Mr. Med Kopczynski about this on the radio  
279 about two weeks ago. During their conversation, Mr. Kopczynski explained that when they did the  
280 analysis, it was an 11% improvement in energy efficiency and at great cost. They wanted to  
281 recommend that the board take that out. The gains did not seem to be worth the cost at the time,  
282 especially given the plan and the need to build more housing in the state. It is either an economic  
283 model problem or a building product problem concerning energy, which is why they were not able  
284 to get the energy code adopted this time.

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286 Chair Luse shared that last year, they had someone come and speak about the issue with the  
287 building companies. He believed they were basing those numbers off the Home Builders  
288 Association, which were of questionable origins. There were two studies, one from the Department  
289 of Energy specific to housing and New Hampshire, which showed that the cost was far less than  
290 what the Home Builders Association was saying. Councilor Ormerod said that was the economic  
291 problem that he sees.

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293 **E) Food Security**

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295 Mr. Russell shared that they had their meet-up with the farmers at Modest Man, which went well.  
296 The theme was economic sustainability for farms, and they received great input from people. They  
297 are still consolidating and cleaning up the notes. Those will be sent back out to the farmers and  
298 farms that attended, as well as the ones that were not able to attend in an effort to allow for more  
299 input.

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301 The workgroup has been looking at what their next focus will be, which will be climate resilience  
302 and conservation measures for the larger food system, not just farms. They are not sure of the  
303 format for it yet. They also want to do one that will focus on food waste and composting, including  
304 looking at the potential for commercial composting, like what Brattleboro has. They will do  
305 another forum that focuses on organizations that work with those who are food insecure. One was  
306 done already, but there were not many organizations that were able to attend. In the next one, they  
307 hope to include a discussion of what can be done to supplement the safety net that exists from  
308 SNAP benefits and the like. There is potential to do one on the farmer's market, but that is a  
309 complicated one and they are not sure how to approach that. They found out there are several farms  
310 that no longer want to participate in the Farmer's market, as they feel there is not a lot of benefit  
311 to it. There are some long-term tensions, and they are not sure how to collaborate with them.

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313 The last thing they would like to do towards the end of the process is to collaborate with the  
314 Monadnock Sustainability Hub on hosting a climate café that would focus specifically on food  
315 systems. The hope is to do an idea jam to present some of their findings, but also get a lot of public  
316 input. Ms. Duffy shared that it was the Clean Energy Team that does the climate café. Mr. Russell  
317 said that it would not happen until late Spring or Summer. Chair Luse shared that he would love  
318 to see more composting in Keene. They compost at his office, and he said the amount of trash they  
319 dispose of has dwindled dramatically.

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321 Mr. Russell shared that the Community Kitchen would love to compost their food waste, but it  
322 simply is not viable to cart it to Brattleboro. Mr. Roth shared that he was at a Monadnock Interfaith  
323 Project Meeting with the Community Kitchen, and they made a statement that if the supply lines  
324 were shut off, New England would only have three days' worth of food available. He said it is  
325 scary to think about and there is no sustainability when it comes to our food supply.

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327 According to statistics that Kürt Blomquist previously shared, Mr. Russell said the Monadnock  
328 region produces only 5% of its food locally. He explained that the region produces more than that  
329 locally, but much of it is exported. Those two figures together show that there is not a lot of  
330 resilience internally. He thinks that may be the larger umbrella that they will develop their report  
331 around.

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333 Mr. Russell suggested everyone think about what they want to develop to inform the  
334 Comprehensive Master Plan for the city and suggested the entire committee look at it.

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336 7) **New Business**

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338 Chair Luse said over the years, he has talked with multiple people about participating in this  
339 committee and the value of it, but the meeting time was often an issue. He wanted to get a feeling  
340 for others' thoughts about meeting at a different time. He noted that Vice Chair Roth often has  
341 meeting conflicts at this time. Chair Luse said they could send out a poll. He has already talked to  
342 Ms. Fortson and Ms. Brunner about this. He noted that there are some limitations with the timing  
343 and availability of rooms.

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345 Councilor Ormerod asked what times those who could not attend had indicated as being more  
346 feasible. Chair Luse said they did not indicate specific times, but that 8:00 AM is difficult for those  
347 who have kids and are trying to navigate school drop-offs. He shared that when his kids were  
348 younger, he was often late as he had to shuttle the kids across town. Work commitments and  
349 inflexibility of work schedules have also been highlighted as reasons people have not been able to  
350 join.

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352 Mr. Russell said he believed any time is going to have its limitations. He finds this time extremely  
353 convenient because all his other meetings are held in the afternoons.

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355 Ms. Fortson introduced herself and explained that she would be filling in for Ms. Brunner during  
356 her leave. She offered to create a poll to send out to members allowing them to fill in the times  
357 they are and are not available. It was suggested to put it on the agenda for the next meeting to  
358 discuss once they have more data.

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360 Mr. Nuru said he can relate as he drops three kids off at different schools and sometimes, he had  
361 to put one in childcare to be here for the meeting. He is aware of others who would like to join,  
362 but cannot for this same reason.

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364 Mr. Clair Oursler suggested putting a flood plan on the agenda. Vice Chair Roth said the flood  
365 plan was updated two years ago, as they came to the hospital to present it.

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367 Ms. Duffy asked if anyone else received an invitation mailer with a \$100 gift card to get off  
368 community solar. They are offering \$100 if you switch from community solar and they will give  
369 it to you after six months. She worked in utilities for eight years and said she had to read it three  
370 times just to figure out what it was and who it came from. She was curious as to who else received  
371 it and where it was coming from. She wondered if education around this might be useful.

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373 Mr. Nuru said his wife received it last year. He was not aware, and she went ahead and signed up  
374 for it. At the time, Eversource was charging \$0.20. When he received his bill, he detected the  
375 change and called them. He requested them to cancel it right away. It is not something he would  
376 advise anyone to do, especially now that there is a Community Power Program. He ended up  
377 having to go back and forth to finally get a cancellation.

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379 Vice Chair Roth asked if that is something they should put out as educational on the community  
380 power websites informing people that they may receive something in the mail, but asked if doing

381 so would be going beyond their charter. A conversation ensued about firsthand experiences with  
382 the frauds. Chair Luse suggested that education and outreach look at creating some education  
383 around it.

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385 **8) Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2024- 8:00 AM**

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387 **9) Adjournment**

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389 There being no further business, Chair Luse adjourned the meeting at 9:06 AM.

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391 Respectfully submitted by,  
392 Amanda Trask, Minute Taker

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394 Reviewed and edited by,  
395 Megan Fortson, Planning Technician