



AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday December 2, 2025, 9:00 AM Airport Terminal

Committee Members

Beth Bendel - Vice Chair
Mitch Greenwald, City Councilor
Luca Paris
Bill Hutwelker
Peter Temple
Bob Lyle
Nathan Jacobs (Alt)
Kristopher Radder (Alt)

Ex Officio Members:

Rebecca Landry, Deputy City Manager

Location: Airport Terminal at 80 Airport Road in Keene.

Four members are required for a quorum. The agenda is as follows:

New Business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Adopt October Meeting Minutes.

Old Business:

1. Airport Solar Development
2. Airport Open House/Runway 5K
3. Airport Fly-In Promotions
4. Airport Director Recruitment Update
5. Other/Misc.



December 2, 2025

Chair Scott Self, Swanzey Planning Board
620 Old Homestead Highway
Swanzey, NH 03446

Re: Revision Energy Solar Development at Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport

Dear Chair Self,

I am writing on behalf of the Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport Development and Marketing Committee (ADMC) to express our strong support for Revision Energy's proposal to construct a 5 MW solar array at the south end of the airport.

This project represents a transformative opportunity for the City of Keene, the airport, and the surrounding region. Upon completion, the solar array will:

- Advance the City of Keene's goal of achieving 100% renewable energy for municipal operations by 2030.
- Fully meet the airport's electrical demand through on-site generation and group net metering.
- Provide long-term revenue to the airport through a land lease, helping to offset operating expenses.
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The facility is expected to produce approximately **6,616,576 kWh of clean renewable energy annually**, enough to offset 100% of the City's municipal electricity accounts via group net metering. Also, it is anticipated the facility will preclude approximately **3,220 metric tons of CO₂ emissions per year**, equivalent to:

- Eliminating emissions from 7,437,885 miles driven by an average gasoline-powered passenger vehicle.
- Avoiding the burning of 3,244,422 pounds of coal.
- Matching the carbon sequestration of 2,930 acres of U.S. forests annually.

The proposed site is uniquely well-suited for this development. It is already cleared, requires no tree removal or significant grading, and has limited alternative uses due to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) height restrictions and airport approach protection zones. A 2022 Airport Land Use Compatibility Study conducted by McFarland-Johnson, Inc. specifically identified these parcels as "ideal for a solar farm" in support of the airport's and City's sustainability objectives.

The Keene Dillant-Hopkins ADMC wholeheartedly supports this environmentally responsible and financially beneficial project. We urge the Swanzey Planning Board to approve the application and thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Beth Bendel, Vice Chair, Keene Dillant-Hopkins ADMC

Rebecca Landry, Airport Manager

cc: Members of the Swanzey Planning Board, Keene City Council, Airport Manager