

Wilmington Energy Committee (WEC) Minutes

Time and Location: March 18, 2025, at 2 East Main Street and online using Zoom

Members in attendance and constituting a quorum were: Bob Bois, Jessica Roberts, Gary Carver, Keith Johnson and Marshall Dix

Members Absent: Scott Moore

Others Present: none

Proceedings:

- The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by Chairperson Bois.
- The minutes from December 17, 2024, were approved (motion by Roberts, seconded by Johnson, all in favor).
- The minutes from January 21, 2025, were approved (motion by Roberts, seconded by Dix, all in favor).
- Solar Installation Update: Bois opened the discussion regarding the planned solar installation at the Public Safety Facility. He will contact Southern VT Solar for an updated estimate in preparation for a potential grant opportunity.
- Bois shared his conversation with the Deerfield Valley Rotary about the Window Dressers program. The board clarified that while they are supporting the initiative and were instrumental in starting a local Window Dressers group, it will operate as a separate entity. Carver and Roberts expressed their support and willingness to contribute to grants and outreach, respectively. The group discussed potential funding sources and the viability of a Window Dressers Wilmington chapter, as well as local community groups that could take the lead.
- Carver provided an update on the Seed Grant he is working on and will follow up with Bois and the Rotary should they choose to get involved. The board also discussed other funding opportunities, both for providing low-income window inserts to local residents and for supporting advertising and educational efforts should the program move forward in Wilmington.
- Johnson updated the board on his progress in using GMP to monitor energy use across the town's properties and will continue reviewing their systems.
- Roberts initiated a discussion on filling the vacant seventh seat on the board, asking for member recommendations. Bois mentioned a potential candidate and will follow up with them.
- Bois announced the New Team training for Window Dressers on March 20th, which he plans to attend. Roberts and Bois will meet on March 21st to further discuss whether Bennington is the right town for collaboration. An informal vote indicated unanimous support for working with Bennington over Brattleboro, although both towns are strong possibilities. This collaboration will minimize both time and financial commitments while aiming to improve energy efficiency in 50 windows across 10 homes in Wilmington annually.
- Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM, seconded by Dix, all in favor.

Board member comments: Bob Bois requested a comment from him be added that the Rotary had a positive attitude regarding their role in Window Dressers.

Minutes submitted by Secretary,
Jessica Roberts