

Norwich Energy Committee Meeting Agenda 10/28/2025

The next meeting of the Norwich Energy Committee is Tuesday, 10/28/2025, at 7 pm, via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84917757672>

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Agenda:

1. Review and approve 9/23 meeting minutes (<https://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/NEC-9-23-25-minutes.pdf>) and this agenda.
2. Events:
 - a. WindowDressers Build (9/25-10/1) debrief
 - b. Norwich Historical Society collaboration (10/14) debrief
 - c. Button Up 2025 (10/25) debrief
 - d. Ideas for winter outreach
3. Tracy Hall energy upgrades
4. Planning Commission work on enhanced energy plan
5. Shared Energy Coordinator Report [Q1, FY 26 report attached]
6. Other Business
7. Public comments, correspondence, and announcements
8. Adjourn

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Re: SEC Quarterly Report FY26 Q1 – Town of Norwich

Hours billed to Norwich this quarter: 55.5

Hours remaining on FY26 contract: 308.5

- **Privately Funded DC Fast Charging Station**

- The project funder has now put down a deposit for the electric vehicle fast charger to be located at Dan & Whit's Store, and Next Level Electric, the project electrician, has placed orders with Green Mountain Power and the charging equipment manufacturer. Work is expected to take place in late fall. The total project cost is \$126,112.
- Background: During Q3, the Norwich Energy Committee was approached by a local funder who was interested in building an electric vehicle fast charging station somewhere in Norwich Village. SEC offered to assist the funder in finding a feasible site host and equipment installer. SEC first approached the Town of Norwich and the Norwich Public Library to explore publicly owned sites. Both options were ruled out due to physical constraints and infrastructure feasibility challenges. After approaching several privately-owned sites, the funder decided to move forward with Dan & Whit's.

- **ChargeVermont Grant for Norwich Senior Housing**

- SEC applied for and won a grant of \$25,040 for Norwich Senior Housing and coordinated with Norwich Technologies to conduct the work. The equipment was installed in late July and is now in operation.
- The total project cost was \$30,956. The state's contribution, coupled with a \$1,500 incentive rebate from Green Mountain Power, brought the out-of-pocket cost down to just \$4,416 for Norwich Senior Housing.

- **Public Safety Building Solar Array**

- During Q4 of FY25, SEC was approached by Chief Romei to explore the possibility of installing a solar array at the Norwich Public Safety building. SEC sized a system based on the building's electric usage and roof area and provided the figures in an email to Chief Romei during Q1. SEC also provided an estimated cost for the system and gave recommendations for financing.

- **Pedestrian and Bike Counters**

- The Norwich Main Street corridor across the Ledyard Bridge into Hanover is one of the highest potential bike and pedestrian commuting corridors in the TRORC region given the proximity of jobs to the dense residential cluster of Norwich Village. SEC plans to deploy TRORC's traffic counters on Route 10A in Norwich to generate data on pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This data will be useful for future grant applications aimed at enhancing the corridor's bike-ped facilities.

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SEC currently plans to install the counters this fall, pending a Section 1111 permit from VTRANS to place equipment in the state right-of-way.