

**Greensboro Energy and Climate Action Committee  
Minutes January 12, 2026**

Present: Blake Auchincloss, Beth Meachem, Liz Steel (community member), Mariell Hess (Energy committee Glover)

1. Blake made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 15, 2025 meeting. Beth seconded. Approved. No discussion.
2. Blake elected to act as interim chair for six months due to Liz Steel needing to step down. To carry out the Climate Catalyst Innovation grant that Liz applied on behalf of the committee but she was named as the contractor to carry out the work through her business. As a result it was felt by the Selectboard that there was a conflict of interest and therefore she has stepped down from the committee to do the work which is to be completed in six months.
3. Blake provided an overview of our approach being taken in writing up the energy goals for the town plan. Beth and Bill are asked to review and provide input before January 26th. The Planning Commission asked the energy committee to do an energy plan for the town plan. Blake and Liz have been in discussion with Allie Webster of NVDA. Due to the lack of data and the size of Greensboro the energy plan will not adhere in its entirety to the Act 174 guidelines. The intention is to spend the next 5-7 years developing an enhanced plan as we are able to gather important statistics. We currently don't have enough data. Liz suggested that all the towns in the same position as Greensboro be brought together by Allie Webster. Pressure will be put on NVDA to try to make this happen. The current narrative will cover strategy, goals and critical actions that will establish the framework for energy committee actions in the town plan.
4. Beth reviewed Quick Tips for low cost energy savings around the home. Deadline for any revisions is March 1st. Discussion was had around creating a poster contest around this topic and having an exhibit of the posters at HCA. Liz volunteered to reach out to HCA. Thought was to do this contest over the summer when we could engage the Greensboro Library and possibly the Wonderkids Summer Camp in hopes of capturing the most kids.
5. Discussion was had around the programs we want to bring to the community this year. Topic #1 will be heat pumps. Title would be "Taking the Mystery Out of Heat Pumps". It was suggested that we tie in this talk with a tour of the Habitat project. Blake agreed to look into this. Thought is to do this program in September. Topic #2 would be a talk on RBES standards. This might happen during the summer. Date to be determined.
6. Short discussion was had on the need for all community members to take ethics training. This is mandatory.
7. Important links have been added to the website. Blake suggested that we add a link to smart thermostats through EVT.
8. Short discussion was had on where we are at with getting the RBES standards on the town website. They are up. They will eventually be incorporated into the new zoning application which Brett Stanciu is working on currently.
9. Other Business: Beth noted that she talked to Dave Brochu about the furnace at the Firehouse. Discussion was had on converting to pellets but the building is often unattended.

Beth asked Dave to put together a list of needs at the firehouse. Electrical is at capacity. He indicated he is working with EVT and did so when the building was built. Unfortunately Their need is immediate and a greener solution may not be possible at this time. Beth will Ask Dave if he would be willing to do an energy assessment as part of the boiler Replacement. The committee discussed the need to do an assessment of all the buildings In town and present it to the SB for future planning.

Next Meeting Scheduled for 4/22/26 at 6PM at the library