

**Greensboro Energy and Climate Action Committee
Minutes January 21, 2026**

Present: Blake Auchincloss, Beth Meachem, Liz Steel (community member), MarielHess (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. Liz applied for the grant on behalf of the committee and named her communications business as the contractor to carry out the work. 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 the approach being taken in writing up the energy chapter for the Town Plan. Beth and Bill are asked to review and provide input before January 26th. The Planning Commission asked ECAC to prepare an energy and climate action plan as part of the Town planning process. Blake and Liz met with Allie Webster of NVDA to discuss State requirements. Due to the lack of data and the size of Greensboro it was decided that we would not put forward an optional Enhanced Energy Plan per Act 174 guidelines. The intention is to spend the next 5-7 years collecting the information required to develop an Enhanced Energy Plan. Liz suggested that all the towns in the same position as Greensboro be brought together by Allie Webster so we could get support from NVDA to make this happen. The current plan will cover strategy, goals and critical actions that will establish the framework for ECAC 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 on 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 Free 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 information on RBES on the town website. They are now incorporated on the [Zoning FAQs](#). It is hoped that they will eventually be incorporated into the new zoning permit application which Brett Stanciu is currently working on.

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 town buildings and present a proposal to the SB for future planning.

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