

**Green Energy Committee**  
**Meeting minutes**  
**8:00 am on Thursday, January 8, 2026**

**Virtual Meeting Pursuant to Senate Bill #2985, Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law**

**Remote Meeting Protocols:** Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order, as extended on March 29, 2023, with the Governor’s signing of a supplemental budget bill suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §18, this meeting will be conducted in a virtual format. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Lincoln website, at [www.lincolntown.org](http://www.lincolntown.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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No in-person attendance by members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Town’s website as soon as possible after the meeting.

Attending: Jennifer Glass (Select Board liaison) plus the following GEC members:

Gray	Harvey	Kern	Klem	Lang	Rodman	Shorb	Sobol	Sullivan
y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y

1. Review draft [Dec. 5 minutes](#)

Shorb moved to adopt them; Kern seconded; the motion passed:

Gray	Harvey	Kern	Klem	Lang	Rodman	Shorb	Sobol	Sullivan
y	absent	y	y	absent	y	y	y	absent

2. Lincoln Green Energy Choice:

- Eversource “winter” rates just released (effective for the next 6 months) and they make our pricing look good, in that our default “Standard Green” rate is lower than the latest rate for Eversource residential customers, despite extra Class 1 RECs into that default option.
- After discussion, we agreed that we should publicize this in LT, the Squirrel, etc.
- **Kern, Gray, and Sullivan volunteered to draft and submit materials.**
- For next issue of digital Select Connect, send text by end of day Monday.
- Next hard copy mailing from Selects will be finalized at their Jan. 26 meeting, so send that text (which can be longer & could include a graphic) by the Friday before.
- For the Squirrel, if you ask for something to be published as a “My Turn”, won’t be re-written.
- Suggested points to include, in at least some of these versions: Show rate comparison over time; publicize the heat pump rate; explain how to read your bill.

3. Test of GEC@lincolntown.org

Sullivan sent a test email during our meeting. Below are the results of whether it was received and what email service each uses. This showed that none of the gmail accounts are receiving emails (even in their Spam or Trash folders) but everyone else is. **Rodman volunteered to bring this up with Michael Dolan in the IT Dept.**

Gray	Harvey	Kern	Klem	Lang	Rodman	Shorb	Sobol	Sullivan
no gmail	yes comcast	no gmail	no gmail	yes thunderbird	yes outlook	no gmail	no gmail	no gmail

4. Municipal Energy Manager (“MEM”) update

- The Town hired Power Options (“PO”) as its MEM. The MEM’s main responsibility is to help the Town develop a municipal decarbonization plan (not necessarily 100% decarbonization). PO hosts a monthly videoconference to discuss progress, 2 to 3 pm on the first Tuesday.
- PO plans to send us this week a draft plan for how to do the necessary building-specific studies, so GEC & town staff can review & comment on the draft before PO submits it to MassSave.
- **Harvey, Rodman, and Shorb volunteered to be on that review team.**
- **Shorb will get notice of PO’s monthly briefing calls to all GEC members.**

5. Building-scale battery systems:

- Rodman found a DOER program making \$47 million available to help municipalities buy and install battery systems for energy storage (to level out demands on the grid and for resiliency). Potential to save Town money by minimizing Eversource “demand charges”. Jan. 23 deadline to apply for technical consultant help. At a meeting Jan. 6, Tim Higgins OK’d the GEC to start the application process for that help. Buildings most likely to benefit include the water treatment plant and community center, but the consultant may also look at other buildings; their report would lay a foundation for applying for specific battery system(s) at specific building(s) (application deadline Mar. 13).
- **Rodman will work with Brandon Kelly to collect data for the application.**
- **Harvey volunteered to help prepare the application.**

6. Hanscom expansion:

- Sullivan said that the project’s developers now predict that their Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (“SDEIR”) will be released in March, for a minimum 30-day period for public comment. Reasons for the continued delay are unknown to us.
- The original DEIR, released March 2024, estimated no increase in emissions from the expansion! The Massachusetts EPA office required them to do a SDEIR to recalculate the emissions and to analyze the social cost of carbon (among other demands).
- [SPJE website](#) has lots more background info.
- After discussion, we agreed that the GEC should prepare comments when the SDEIR is released, perhaps for adoption and submission by the Select Board. This might require an extra or off-cycle GEC meeting.

7. Zero Waste Lincoln:

Klem reported that this is a group of people who want to encourage people to (A) recycle more and (B) use less plastics. (Other active members include Pam Boardman, Sherrie Haddock, Ed Tam, and Susan

