

Strafford Green Committee Meeting February 25, 2025

Attendees: Hammond Brown, Nate Aucella, Kimberly McGlinchey

Special Guest Speaker: Representative Heath Howard (on Zoom).

Representative Heath Howard discussed State Legislation related to energy efficiency and solid waste management

- HB 428 restricts local changes to building codes. An amendment to not allow amendments to town codes. Still pending.
- Solid waste -Kelly Ayotte placed moratorium on landfills in New Hampshire
- No funding known or legislation for municipal infrastructure or building upgrades.

Discussion by members

Energy efficiency - Impact on new buildings / renovations. Discussion on building orientation, window types, and envelopes. Would like to create a “suggestion” brochure or pamphlet that could be given out through the planning department to encourage thoughtful energy usage when building or renovating. Note to contact the Planning Board.

Solar Property Tax Exemption- Use of RSA 72:61 - 62 to create tax exemption for solar panels. RSA states the value of the solar panels comes off your assessed value therefore creating a tax break of the initial solar panel installation cost. Note to contact the Planning Board.

Other Business

Master Plan Committee Round Up

Hammond updated the Master Plan committee

This committee will meet again in 4 months

Northeast Resource Recovery Association - waiting on appointment to visit the landfill - Hammond will tag along on-site visit. And here about needs and assets.

Town of Lee

Interested in visiting the Strafford Town Hall to learn about geothermal in Strafford. Will be visiting Thursday 2/27

Adjourned 7:10

Next meeting March 25, 2025, at 5:00 at the Hill Library