

# **Stratham Energy Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 14, 2014

Commission members present:

Michael Welty

Michael Gorman

James Schlough

The meeting was called to order by Chair of Meeting Mike Welty at 7:02. The minutes of the March and April meetings, previously reviewed, were approved.

The members reviewed the presentation of the energy audit before the Stratham Memorial School Board at their April meeting. Mike Welty commented that he thought the report overlooked the potential savings available with the 50/50 cost sharing for Commercial and Industrial energy users as part of utility supported NH Saves program. It was agreed that we should have the full board membership jointly draft at its June meeting a summary report to the SMS board that would outline what energy saving improvements the commission recommends.

In brief discussion regarding commission sponsored displays at the Stratham Fair this July, Jim reported that his contact with the NHSaves program was redirected to Unitil. There he spoke with Becky Scott, who explained that Unitil was very willing to make presentations before town gatherings, but that the fair would not be appropriate for them because too many of the visitors would be from outside their service area. She explained that there is concern about fraud in the program, with instances of people ordering products and then selling them online. Mike Welty suggested contacting NextEra, a power provider in NH, to ask about information and materials that might be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25. The next meeting of the energy commission will be 7 pm, June 11th, at the Stratham Municipal Center.