



**IREC Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes of September 14, 2023 Meeting**

Present: David, Nancy, Jeff. (Low attendance due to vacation, illness and work commitments.)

1. Welcome / agenda
2. Minutes of the August 12, 2023 meeting approved.
3. All towns except Thetford have received their \$4000 MERP mini-grant funds.
4. All towns except Thetford have applied for the MERP assessment grant.
5. Bradford energy fair tentatively set for Saturday, October 7, from 11 am to 3 pm. Denny Park gazebo in Bradford. New EV chargers grand opening and energy fair. Chargers are being installed today. GMP is scheduled to complete infrastructure and hook up next week.
6. The DriveElectric event at the Lebanon NH Town Hall schedule for September 30th.
7. Strafford Community Solar is online. VT Law School is one of largest members. There was a software issue with inverters that was corrected. The Community Solar group kept the RECs with VLS input. 6% of solar production pays the lease fee.
8. The Sharon investigation continues into an existing array that could be used for community or municipal solar.
9. Discussion. Possible new topic/projects for Town Energy Committees and IREC: Regional plastic recycling. For example: <https://www.foamcycle.com/>
Plastic is everywhere! It is a huge environmental problem but not a direct energy problem – but all is connected.

More info here: [6c5096b0-ec99-4daa-9908-a414ce8b4e59.pdf \(constantcontact.com\)](https://www.constantcontact.com/6c5096b0-ec99-4daa-9908-a414ce8b4e59.pdf)

Today's IREC meeting was shortened due to low participation. Meeting video link here:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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