

## Town of Coventry Energy Conservation/Alternative Energy Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 | Online via Zoom

*In attendance:* Jennifer Reilly (Chair), Allison Pilcher, William Watkins

*Absent:* Julie Castillo

### 1) CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

### 2) AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

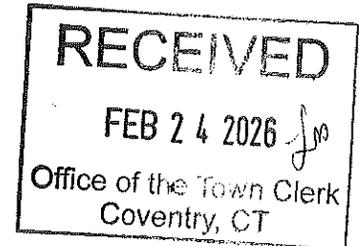
No citizens in attendance.

### 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer motioned to approve the January 7, 2026 minutes. Allison seconded. The minutes were approved.

### 4) OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Farmers Market Going Green Event.** The date is September 20.
- B. **Energy Savings Tips.** They have been posted once a month.
- C. **Nip Funds.**
  - a. Waiting on final approval for 600 countertop compost bins.
  - b. 225 catch basin storm drain markers are on order. There will be three different designs. They will be installed around the lake first.
  - c. Bill has ordered a food waste storage container (vermin and bear-proof) for emptying residential compost; will have a lid that can be opened with a foot pedal will be located at the transfer station.
  - d. Ordered a shed to house the new waste oil tank.
  - e. Finalizing the order for the waste oil tank.
  - f. Future funds will support added staff hours at the transfer station.
- D. **Compost.** The permitting process is still underway. Construction anticipated to begin this summer.
- E. **Dumpster Covers.** Still waiting on the last one to be replaced with the newer style.
- F. **Senior Center Presentations.**
  - a. Jennifer and Julie will connect with Eversource's community outreach staff.
  - b. A webinar might be better than an in-person session so it can be easily recorded and shared.
- G. **Vacancy.** We have one applicant, but they have not been appointed yet.
- H. **Air Monitoring.** Jennifer will follow up again.
  - a. Bill can identify outdoor electrical outlet locations and DPW can help with the installation.
  - b. Allison will look into data management system requirements and connect with DEEP staff.



- c. There's a spot in the garden for an informational placard. Bill can have a 12x18 sign made in 2-3 weeks. We need to supply the graphics/text as a PDF.
- I. **Resident Survey.** Allison will send the survey to Dianna.
- J. **Thermostat Social Media Post.** The graphics were posted.
- K. **Earth Day Celebration.**
  - a. Scouts enjoy opportunities to get involved in plantings.
  - b. Possible event to unveil the air quality monitor as an Earth Day event and hold a coordinating workshop in the library.
- L. **Sustainable CT.**
  - a. Once access is granted, Allison will review the energy actions to see opportunities for new actions/additional points.
- M. **Backyard Compost.** There's a proposal to sell backyard bins at a discounted rate; bins would be stored and sold at DPW.

5) NEW BUSINESS

- A. **EV Charging.** DCFC applications are reopening in March.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:07 at pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 4.