

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, June 22, 2023
Canterbury Municipal Complex

Opened: 7:01 PM
Adjourned: 8:39 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Lenore Howe
Tim Meeh
Howard Moffett, Chair
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary

Committee Members Absent:

Scott Doherty, Selectmen's Representative
John Schneider
Beth McGuinn

I. Approved Minutes of May 3 Meeting

II. Updates on Recent Developments

- a. Status of "opt-actions" re Canterbury Community Power in June (Attachment 2)
 - i. Reviewed spreadsheet
- b. CPCNH Board and hiring update
 - i. CPCNH has hired CEO
 - ii. 21 Board members elected for 1-year terms, but expiry will be staggered to start so that board is not replaced entirely every year
 - iii. Budget for approximately 8 employees with expectation that all employees will not necessarily be hired all at once
- c. Legislative Update
 - i. There are ongoing attempts to contract with Eversource and Unitil to agree to allow CPCNH to deal with them directly, but being held up by load reduction issue
 - ii. Also arguing that they do not actually keep track of how much individual customers produce
 - iii. Will have to be resolved by PUC
- d. Regulatory developments (Net Metering issues before PUC)

III. Looking Ahead: New CCP Rates for 6-month "UAP 2" period August 1-January 31

- a. Utilities rates now set for UAP 2: Unitil 13.25 cents/kWh; Eversource 12.6

- i. Most towns have designated a single town official to set the rates for the town once the default rates are established by CPCNH
 - 1. We should consider doing this, to avoid any issues with timing of selectboard meetings to approve rates
 - 2. Would prefer to keep the selectboard in charge of approving rates
 - ii. Canterbury Selectboard voted on 6/19 to stay with Granite Basic
 - 1. CPCNH Board will not be able to set rates until 6/30
 - 2. Community Power law requires 30 days advance notice to residents of rate change and opportunity to opt-out, in, up or down—that means July 2
- b. How do we get notice of rates out to residents before July 2?
 - i. We need to make sure people understand what the notice will mean
 - ii. Town email next week, explaining where and when to find the rates
 - iii. Can post on town Facebook page
 - iv. Howard, Lenore, and Tim to meet to discuss further
- c. Reviewed July Newsletter article

IV. Discussed Role of CCPC going forward

- a. Advice and support to Select Board re rate changes every 6 months
 - i. Role of CCPC is going to change going forward
 - ii. Important to keep people informed when rates change, at least at first
- b. Collecting information and making recommendations to Select Board on local energy projects or other ways to invest accumulated CCP reserve funds
- c. Reports on recent Webinars attended by CCPC members
 - i. 6/5 Webinar New funding – NH municipal association – Lenore will send out PDF from presentation
 - 1. A lot of money will be available, but this will be a complicated process and there is concern about smaller towns being able to apply
 - 2. Starting a pilot program to provide smaller communities with support
 - a. Application process – July 5th application deadline
 - i. Selectboard is meeting on July 3rd
 - ii. Howard and Lenore will attend to get approval to submit application for the pilot program
 - b. 380 funding opportunities available in NH for municipalities right now
 - ii. Webinar - New England Building a Clean Energy Future

- d. Potential overlap, collaboration, or closer relationship with Energy Committee, including a joint meeting in the fall?
 - i. October likely best
 - ii. Discussed possible collaboration with Energy Committee, Planning Board
 - iii. Set meeting in early October to discuss a joint meeting with other boards

V. Other Business

Adjourned at 8:39 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 30 at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road

Wednesday, October 4 at 7PM at the Canterbury Municipal Complex at 26 Baptist Road
(location to be confirmed)

Submitted by Kelley L. Stonebraker, Secretary